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#### Things in General.

APANEE is crowded this week with visitors anxious to hear the Ponton trial, to see the prisoners, the distin-guished lawyers and the detectives. We seldom pause to sider that judges in Canada arouse very little of that public curiosity that is so active in regard to leading criminal lawyers and astute detectives. The excellent reputation enjoyed by our judiciary, the confidence inspired in the people by years of cleanhanded justice is such that the mass of people, even in a cause celebre like this Napanee robbery, never pause to ask who is to sit on the bench or to suggest that a choice of judge could make any difference whatever. When we stop to think of it, it should be a source of much satisfaction to us that in a case like this, where so much of Ponton's life is at stake on one side, and so much of the Dominion Bank's money is involved on the other, people scarcely know or bother to enquire just which of our judges is to try the case. We have grown so accustomed to taking the absolute probity of all our judges for granted, that we do not, perhaps, assess this blessing at its full value. It must or Receiver General's office, we shall soon have a clean currency. be added that our judges, not being elective, do not require the kind offices of the press to announce their wisdom, their virtue, their astuteness. They do not need to advertise. They resent criticism and can afford to dispense with praise. They stand, almost alone among Canadian human creatures, superior to the resentment of the press and independent of its favor. It is a state nearly beatific, surely. To be powerful without being maligned, libelled and cartooned; to arbitrate great issues and yet escape the charge of having been bought; to have even one's natural frailties lost in a complete hush of respect—what could be better in all this mad, modern earth?

As regards the Napanee robbery we shall probably soon know the truth. Unless the prosecution has gathered much new evidence it does not at all seem likely that young Ponton

the average man does not believe Ponton guilty on the evidence brought out at the preliminary trial, including Pare's "confession." I am told, however. that Detective Greer has been saying that the prosecution will bring in a lot of new evidence. This paper has taken an interest in the case from the first with the object of as isting in preventing private and irresponsible detectives, hired by private and interested persons, from using the chinery of justice and the prestige of the Crown to attain ends that might have more to do with money than with justice. The case seemed to present this danger. People do not take kindly to either private or imported detectives, and wer; only reassured when Provincial Det ctive Green was put on the case, late as it was. Within the past month two or three different private detectives who have been operating in and about Toronto have been put out of business-one is in Kingston penitentiary, another is reported to have disappeared, and a third was arrested on Tuesday charged with shop-lifting on a large scale. These occurrences seem to support the contention that detectives should be responsible officials working under the direction of the Crown. Otherwise all manner of blackmail might soon begin to flourish.

R. HALL CAINE appears to stir people with whom he comes in contact. Those who meet him seem to either like or dislike him very heartily, and it has interested me to notice this among those who fell in the novelist's way during his visit to Toronto last week. His ego demands recognition—you must be with him or against him. In the ranks of the latter may be numbered a Canadian who frequently visits Europe, and who stat s that a couple of years ago he crossed the Atlantic on a boat with Rudyard Kipling and his family. All efforts to make Kipling the lion of the journey signally failed, because that author simply would not stalk and rour at all, but amused his family and enjoyed himself as if his brains and his fame were packed in trunks in the hold and sealed "not for use on voyage." The same traveler crossed to New York with Mr. Hall Caine and says that the author of The Christian, at the very least, failed to resent the daily gatherings of admirers around him. Mr. Caine inspired resentment in this man. It is well known that Hall Caine comes in for a great deal of adverse criticism from fellow-authors in London-none other endures

practical successes breed envy among his rivals. It is quite the pioneer days are fast passing a passing a suit of clothes a suit of clothes. It is presumed that the sense of touch will be candidate into partnership, and I content myself with the pioneer days are fast passing a right to do. If Mr. Garrow is weak, Mr. Hardy has weakened himself by taking the candidate into partnership, and the people is worth preserving. wherever he goes.

PHE less newspapers and individuals interfere with the appointment of those who are to permanently serve the public, the better, but the conduct of trustees who endeavor to import school teachers from outside towns to earn the taxes paid by the citizens of Toronto should not pass without criticism. Few cities spend money so liberally for educational purposes as Toronto does, and while we have hundreds of capable teachers who are graduates of our own schools, out of employment, it certainly seems preposterous that girls without superior training should be brought from outside places to take the situations for which so many native-born and highly edu cated Torontonians have been waiting. It is to be hoped that the recent fight over a question of this sort in the School Board will never be repeated. This city not only pays a big tax for educating its own youngsters, but in thousands of cases it educates outsiders who reside with relatives in the city and pay no fee. Surely we cannot be called selfish when we insist that the trustees consider our educational system sufficiently good to evolve teachers able to occupy all the positions in our Public

PALKING with a banker the other day, I was told that the banks feel that it is in their own interest to keep their notes clean. The longer a bank note is in circulation the greater profit its makers obtain. For instance, a man makes a note without interest and gets a friend or acquaintance to accept it. Every day that elapses from the time of the making of that note until its payment is demanded, is a profit to the naker of it to the extent of the interest that money is worth. For this reason the banks try to keep their currency in the best possible shape, for it is now recognized that the dirtiest bills are the ones which are always deposited in the banks and conequently go out of circulation, while the clean and attractive bills remain longest in the hands of those to whom they are paid. In order to keep the bills in an attractive condition, nany, if not all, of the banks frequently have all the soiled ones of their own issue picked out and burned. My friend tells me that the selection of these soiled notes from the great bundles strength. The electorate permits to come to the surface, occaof bills which come in, is a disagreeable task, and that the odor which permeates the banking house while the dirty bills are with the ideas, habits and morals which control the community, Everyone knows that the idealist is not governing, nor is he

fumery or a disinfectant is generally used to neutralize it. Before the dirty bills can be burned their numbers and denominations must be submitted to the directors, and in the head office of the bank where my informant is employed, the weekly offerings of paper to the fire often amount to face values of from

one to two hundred thousand dollars. With the Dominion Government, which monopolizes the issue of the smaller notes, there is no necessity of cleanliness, except such as public opinion demands. At the present time the circulation of bank notes and Dominion bills is probably as great as ever before in the history of Canada, and indicates an activity which is very desirable. The amount of new Dominion paper which is in circulation is also noticeable, and I am told that before very long the banks, the Receiver and the Deputy Receivers-General will do everything possible to keep the Dominion currency in first-class condition. No amount of care can prevent some notes becoming soiled and ragged, but if these The Bank of England never re-issues a note, vet some of its bills are occasionally found in a very dilapidated condition.

By the way, while on this subject it might be well to remark that the dark Dominion of Canada one-dollar note, bearing the portraits of Lord and Lady Aberdeen, is unpopular because it is hard to tell its denomination in an indistinct light, particularly after it has become a trifle soiled.

An odd thing in the issue of bank bills is to be seen in some of the Latin-American republics, where paper notes are issued for values as low as five cents and as large as a hundred thousand dollars. In some places the system is followed of increasthan a couple of postage stamps, while the one which calls for will be convicted. Juries are composed of average men, and fifty or a hundred dollars is as big as an ordinary calendar, and speeches have; not been made by Cabinet Ministers in by- ing influences there may be, the examiners will consider their

being separated from the clean ones is so distinct that per- that he obtains a position in the Government or becomes the head likely to govern. Everyone knows that his neighbor will vote of an administration. He is no better nor worse than his neighbors. The methods he employs are those which he presented by the presentation of the sumes are most likely to hold his following together. Without things selfishly, will bring on elections at a time that they are doubt some of these methods are very mean and narrow and most likely to carry the constituencies—that they will if possible tend to a further demoralization of the political tone of the community, but it has long been evident that those who do not employ these methods are failures, and that those who do employ them are most successful. Success is the standard, even if morals have to be forgotten. The people can change this at any time, but it will not be changed until the people have been changed. It is rubbish for newspapers to talk wildly about the immorality. perfidy and villainy of a government which does exactly as governments have always been permitted to do, while they defend similar conduct when it is that of their friends, and extol their own leaders when their trickery is successful.

If we only take time to consider we should all doubtless feel shamed of what we have done, and are doing, and are liable to do in politics, and the man has the most reason to feel ashamed who has unquestioningly worn a party name from the time he obtained the privilege of voting, and intends to wear it until death deprives him of any share in human affairs. The socalled independent, the floater, the purchasable voter, may cover his proceedings with a hollow pretense of virtue, but the real influence in politics is the man who is anxious to do right and to see right done, irrespective of party names and regardless of party cries and the bitter criticism which follows a change of political attitude.

The appointment of Mr. Garrow as a Minister without portfolio is doubtless intended to influence the election in West Huron. I see no unusual manifestation of political wickedness ing the size of the note according to its value. The piece of paper which is worthin gold a couple of cents is not much bigger tions have always done all they could do to influence constituencies. There never has been a time when promises and

so influence the constituencies that their candidate shall be elected. It is much better to look at the thing honestly than to talk or write a lot of hifalutin which can only make us ridiculous or further spread the abominable habit of excusing a policy by lying, pretenses and pharisaism. For my part I cannot see, with public opinion in its present condition, how we can judge a Government by anything except its conduct in the general administration of public affairs, or an Opposition by anything except its apparent ability to govern and the propositions which it makes for conducting affairs if it obtains power. The great rugged sense of this country, which is just as selfish as a government can be, or an individual can be, demands a good service from those to whom are given the reins of power. If this rugged sense, selfish as it may be, slow to assert itself as it may be, is not the real power which governs the country, then we may as well be content with being governed by one set of rogues as by another, or by one set of fools as by another. If the foundation of the Government is not based on the self-interest of the governed, one may be sure it is not based upon anything more permanent or reliable, and we may as well remember this when we are discussing the matter.

If Mr. Hardy can show himself to be more capable as a manipulator in the constituencies, in the assembly and in the management of affairs, than Mr. Whitney, he will remain where he is; and if Mr. Whitney can prove himself to be cleanerhanded and yet a better manipulator, and liable to become a better Premier, he will get the job. The electors of Ontario are the board of examiners, and they are liable to appoint men who will make them the most money, and no matter what interven-

own private interests as being superior to anything

period.





Native Bride and Groom

A BRIDAL PARTY IN GUATEMALA. These portraits are reproduced from a story of Guatemala in Saturday Night's Christmas. In the same book there are portraits of seventeen of the leading brides of the year 1898 in Toronto, beautifully grouped in pen and ink tracery.

half as much—but his admirers explain this by saying that his | the rarely seen thousand-dollar bill is almost big enough to make | elections. Hon. Mr. Hardy has made Mr. Garrow a member of | local historian with the idea that the people who can tell of people are color-blind, and many forget that the picture on the front. The present Government in making the first postage stamps made the same mistake as was made in the issue of the bills, in presuming too much on the color and taking too little of both the Finance Minister and the Postmaster-General to make it as easy as possible for people to distinguish the value of everything issued from their departments, and no æsthetic ten in many respects the new bills and stamps are more artistic

> PHE recent and distinctly acrimonious discussion of the methods employed by the Ontario Government in the by-elections, is not likely to clear the political air of corruption or make detestable those selfish methods which are employed alike by individuals, corporations and governments. To detest sin when sinful methods are being employed to our detriment, is no sign of either a virtuous life or a change of heart. To discuss from an exalted pulpit the sins of our opponents is certain to make cynics of our friends and to excite ridicule amongst those who know that lack of opportunity is all that prevents the political preacher from outsinuing the worst sinners. When the electors of a country decide that evil methods are deplorable and tend to the debasement of the franchise, then evil methods will be abolished, or at least used less frequently. We may as well admit that Canada is no better than other countries and that voters generally are influenced by party prejudices, held together by unreasonable political habits, and coaxed or coerced by the least presentable of those who force themselves into sight. A certain but, it is to be hoped, a small percentage of the electors are office, small or large according to their ideas of their own

saying that he leaves small interminable wars behind him is accustomed to handle money even infrequently, no will have a chance to tell Mr. Hardy so when they vote. The living has a right to be proud of those who fought the early matter how illiterate he is, can be fooled if the numeral widely accepted idea that making Mr. Garrow a Cabinet Minister indicating the denomination of a note is distinct. Many will influence the voters of West Huron, is no doubt founded sibly be ashamed. While this is a new country and family upon the experience of those making the charge, that the bill is different in various denominations, but everybody knows | electors are considerably controlled by the selfish notion that a a big distinct number which shines out both on the back and the member of the Administration can favor their locality much more than an Opposition member could possibly do. This notion is probably correct, and if it is proven correct in the instance before us we can hardly blame the Government, pains with the numeral. It is the duty-and pleasure no doubt though we may see no reason to commend the electors. Politics and diplomacy all over the world mean compromises. Necessity knows no law, and churches and individuals are continually being forced to accept what they would prefer to change. dency should prevent the greatest possible distinctness. While in many respects the new bills and stamps are more artistic this sort of thing is distasteful, and if the electors of than the old ones, it cannot but be admitted that they are less West Huron are proper examples of the whole electorate, Mr. Garrow will be beaten and swift retribution will overtake the Hardy Administration. If, on the other hand, West Huron is pleased to have a Cabinet Minister, and endorses the action of the Government and elects Mr. Garrow, it will only be an evidence that the Hardy Administration thoroughly understands the electorate and was quite justified in doing as it has done. What good would come of defeating a government which does such things, when the electorate would insist on their succes-ors doing the same things or worse ones? Spending money in by-elections or in elections is bad business, but so long as people do it and forgive or approve those who do it, money will be spent. All this being true, we must judge as to the advisability privations, the careers of some of them who were preachers, all of turning out a government, not by the methods which the people force upon them, but by the general administration which brings prosperity or poverty to the province or nation. Canadian elections have really been run on this basis. Trickery of all names are equally well known, is invested with an interest that sorts, including gerrymanders, has been condoned, but no government has been permitted to exist for any great length of time which has not done fairly well for the peogle. The majority of the electors consider it as a question of the ins and outs, and at heart they care very little who gets in or who gets turned out so long as the country is prosperous, so long as the laws enacted looking for money. A much larger percentage are looking for are just, so long as taxes are not high and their individual profits are not lessened.

While we act in this purely selfish manner, why should we sionally forces to the surface, a man who is so strong y imbued further debase public morals by a pretense of having high ideals?

S a rule people seek for an excuse to leave the room when in a little company some settler begins to tell a pioneer yarn. As people pass the meridian and wander into the sunset of life, they almost invariably become reminiscent-and wearying. After people have passed the allotted number of life's milestones they seem to think that the whole journey of the universe is about completed-there are no more cycles of centuries, no more things to be done, no more reforms to be effected. no more great lives to be lived, no great discoveries to be made, no marvelous people to be born, no great victories to be won. It is odd that old people, and sometimes oldish people, conduct themselves and converse as if with their departure from this part of the Lord's plantation, vegetation would cease and the population become an idle, degenerate, or even vicious set of nondescripts. Theoretically they understand that other people have lived and died, yet though they seldom, if ever, assert them selves in positive terms, they feel that they have done the work and pretty much finished what mankind can do or what can be done for the human family. It must be a pleasant sensation to be able, even in the glow of privately indulged fancy, to believe that one has lived in the supreme era of the human race and taken part in the greatest achievements of mankind. This seems to be the sensation of the reminiscent reteran, but when it is indulged it is very liable to become unutterably wearisome to those who have not yet arrived at the reminiscent

I have a book entitled Pioneer Sketches of Long Point Settlement, by E. A. Owen, published by William Briggs, Toronto. It is not at all in the same vein as the ordinary county history, for it apparently recognizes the existence of no one whose family did not settle in Norfolk County and the Long Point district prior to 1806. The author, who approaches his subject with a great deal of conscientious tact, has succeeded in making a very readable book of some six hundred pages, which might well have been entitled The Chronicles of the Old Families. While there is nothing caddish in the attitude of the writer, he sets out on his mission of

away, that their history battles and gave Canada a stock of which no country could pospedigrees are not much paraded, yet, as Dr. Holmes said, all things being equal it is preferable to have either as a friend or a servant one who had a grandfather. Those now living who had grandfathers of the stock such as is described in the book under review, should, if they do not, take a natural pride in the class

of people from whom they sprung.

The history of these pioneers gave me a long evening's reading. The simple and unostentatious style of the writer was perfectly adapted to the recital, and I confess to having had to vipe my spectacles more than once, so well told were some of the beautiful things that the women of those days did. One can hear the howl of the wolf, and feel the pangs of hunger and the agonies of lonesomeness, and something approaching to hopelessness, that these pioneers felt who were the log-cabin builders of the Long Point settlement of 1795-6-7. No family can be singled out as more deserving to be used as an illustration than another, but one remarkable instance may be quoted from the chapter which is called A Double Quartette. Four sons of a U. E. Loyalist of New Jersey, named Jabez Culver, married four daughters of another New Jersey II E. Lovalist, whose name was Timothy Culver. Three of these families walked from New Jersey to what was once known as the Culver Plains; the other man and woman married a few years later. Their descendants are a very numerous and respectable people. The story of their struggles of them seeming to have had considerable religious enthusiasm, is very interesting, as the union of two families of second cousins is unusual. The settling of many other people, whose one usually does not find in the reminiscent rubbish of people who desire to magnify small things. The first camp of the earliest settler, one of the Culver family, is described as thrillingly as a novelist could paint his best pen-picture, yet the whole thing is simple, the matter bears the impress of not having been purchased, and altogether Mr. Owen's book should be recognized as adding largely to the historical facts which are being preserved in many localities in order to some time make up the real history of Canada.

We are very much gratified by the hearty reception this year

accorded to SATURDAY NIGHT'S CHRISTMAS NUMBER. Although the book has only been on sale for a few days, it is already evident that the entire edition will be sold out before Christmas. Every year we issue a Christmas Number, whether the last one made a profit, barely paid its way, or resulted in a loss, because we think that the holiday season should be marked in this way by a paper occupying the field that ours fills. Until we began it, foreign holiday publications held the field in Canada. Now many of our newspapers try occasional experiments in this line. It is therefore gratifying, as we have said, to find our Christmas Number so cordially received, not only in Toronto, but in other cities and towns all over the Dominion.

#### Social and Personal.

Queen's Park was alive with carriages on last Tuesday afternoon, though the rain poured incessantly and the fog settled down in its dismal way about three o'clock. The raison d'etre of the activity of the beau monde was to be found in the fact that two prominent and popular hostesses were At Home from five to seven o'clock. The November tea will not be drowned by ever such floods of water, and no one would have imagined that desolation, darkness and mud were holding sway outdoors if they had been fortunate enough to be of the bidden crowds who flitted through the corridors, or wedged themselves into the dining-room of Mrs. Strathy's handsome home. The Italians played brightly upon the landing which divides the wide stair into two flights. In the large hall tea was served on a couple of tables, and a beautifully decorated buffet in the dining-room was plentifully set with light and dainty refreshments, ices and "cup." Mrs. Strathy, in a gray toilette relieved with white, received in the drawing-room, with her charming guest, Mrs. Russell, who has been for some weeks a prized visitor in town, and was looking very well in a pretty white frock at this tea. A very large number of ladies and gentlemen were present. Bright and handsome Miss Ada Hart was the proud chaperone of a beautiful Halifax girl, Miss Harrison, who is flancee of Mr. George Hart, now in town on a visit. Mr. Hart is welcomed by many friends. Mr., Mrs. and Miss Marion Laid-law, Mrs. and Miss Davidson, Mrs. Creelman and Miss Jennings, Mr. Bernard Jennings, Mr. Albert Nordheimer, Mrs. Somerville, Mr. Arthur Somerville, Mrs. and Miss McArthur, Mrs. Alfred Cameron, Mrs. A. W. Ross, Dr. and Mrs. Garratt, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Goulding, Mr. Alec Creelman, Mr. De Li-le, Mrs. Mortimer Clark, Mr. Albert Gooderham, Mr. and Mrs. Roaf, Mrs. W. S. and Miss Lee, Miss Dallas, Judge and Mrs. Falconbridge, Miss Falconbridge, the Misses Wright, Mr. and Mrs. George, Miss Strathy, Mrs. J. Mackenzie, and Mr. Archibald were amongst the guests.

For many years the St. Andrew Society's ball has held the leading position among the social events of Toronto, and that by which St. Andrew's Day will be celebrated this year on November 30 will be worthy of the long list of social triumphs of past years. Never before has greater interest been taken by prominent society people in the event, and never before has the committee of management been at greater pains to make the function a complete success. The company will be thoroughly representative of Toronto society. The music will be of the very first quality and the dance programme has been prepared with every care possible and will be charming. The honorary committee consists of: His Honor Sir Oliver Mowat, Lieutenant Governor, Hon. Senator G. W. Allan, Hon. Mr. Justice Proudfoot, Hon. Mr. Justice Maclennan, Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education; Messrs. Wm. Christie, J. W. Langmuir, Donald MacKay, Dr. Andrew Smith, John Ross Robertson, M.P., A. H. Campbell. The general committee includes the officers of the society and many of the leading Scotsmen of Toronto. The officers of the 48th Highlanders are taking great interest in the event, and special rehearsals of the Scottish dances are being held by some of the young people who will attend. The military officers will attend in uniform, and the national costume will be worn by quite a number of the gentlemen to be present. The honorary ball secretary is Major D. M. Robertson, Canada Life Building, and the president is Mr. G. R.

The embryo lawyers and their friends made merry at Osgoode Hall on Tuesday evening. Mr. Justice Lister presided at the debate about Canada's obligations re Imperial defences, and a jolly dance followed upon the decision on the question. The young people enjoyed themselves to the utmost. Judge and Mrs. Lister did not remain for the dance, His Honor being quite under the weather from an attack of rheumatism. Mr. President Macpherson, a handsome big Scotchman, and his bright, pretty wife: Mr. Shepley and his charming sister in law, Mrs. McAra of Winnipeg; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Galbraith, Miss O'Donoughue, in a stunning black satin gown, with handsome bands of silver trimming; the Misses Monahan, Mr. J. Merrick, Mr. W. Muir, Mr. Fred Atkinson, Mr. Holmsted, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Smith of Stratford, dozens of pretty girls in the favorite frocks of mousseline over various delicate tints, and scores of young students, frisked and gyrated to the music of an Italian orchestra stationed in the gallery. The dais was prettily decorated with palms and set with easy-chairs, and refreshments were served downstairs, where a private supper-room was set for a few of the most honored guests in the snug quarters of one of the legal gentlemen.

Mr. Hall Caine, the noted English novelist, was at Massey Hall on Friday night of last week. He appeared in the role of a story-teller, recounting several anecdotes and a quite lengthy story entitled Home, Sweet Home. This was well told, composed with taste, and interested the audience, but I think a grea many people who heard Home. Sweet Home must have wondered who wrote The Christian. It might also have occurred to some of his auditors to wonder why Home, Sweet Home was comsetting aside the obvious pecuniary reason, which concerned the author alone. In this connection it might have struck some people present that no adequate excuse was given for the presence of the man of the well known name. Mr. Caine may have thought of that himself, as his remarks seemed to indicate some uncertainty as to why he should be within sight and hearing of the audience. He said : "In presenting this new version of an old story, I ask your indulgence. I cannot claim that it is especially strong or uplifting." He also remarked that he would make no pretenses in regard to it. My notes do not include further observations, except a brilliant allusion to the weather, which I do not remember to have heard before.

From Government House, Ottawa, came some days since small good-bye booklets from Lord and Lady Aberdeen to many a friend in Toronto. I hear that at some future time Lady Aberdeen hopes to be Viceroy of India. As for Lord Aberdeen's wishes, they have not been mentioned, but a good many of us would be glad to see him out here, on a curling tour, for instance, where he could have a real good time, and his welcome only awaits his coming. Lady Aberdeen has been interested in the Irish and their industries, the Canadians and their institu-tions, and if she could be ready to pack up and succeed the Curzons when the Government takes an outing in England, she will have had Lady Dufferin's experience to a knock down. It is a curious study of temperaments to see how either dame made her mark in Canada, Ireland and elsewhere. If "we" go to India, there will be a fine opening for exertions of a certain sort, and all will sympathize with the country which has had wars and famines, and almost every sort of trouble already.

Dinners en famille and with some loved one as an honored "flying visitor" to home and friends, were the rule on Thursday evening. Quite a few families were made glad by the advent of the son of the house, or some married daughter with a wee one or two. Though so late in the year, snow and frost scarcely nodded acquaintance with this festive season

Mrs. Pinkerton is now settled in her new home at 46 Walmer road and will receive on Tuesday and Wednesday of next

And so the jolly Grens, have secured first honors, and are to

welcomes are waiting. Among other diversions, a ride on the Belt Line cars has been suggested by some one who heard his Excellency say that Ottawa had the best car service in Canada. Probably he would fall back upon the verdict of the cautious Scot and say, "Baith's the best," If we got him fairly cornered.

Colonel and Mrs. Otter returned from a visit to Ottawa on Monday; they were the guests of General Hutton at Earnscliffe. Miss Fraser of Kingston is visiting at Government House, Toronto. Mrs. James Robertson and Miss Bee Robertson are having a pleasant time in Montreal; they will be home next month. Mrs. Smith of Wilcox street will give an afternoon tea on next Saturday, from half-past four to seven o'clock. Mrs. Ballantyne, wife of the professor of Knox College, is in Asheville, N.C., for the winter. Mrs. Botsford is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Albert Gooderham. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pepler are in

Last Thursday week's teas were two very jolly ones, given by Mrs. Fred Gooch and Mrs. J. L. Brodie. Mrs. Gooch is the brightest of women, and her hospitality is always charming; Mrs. Brodie is loved and honored by such a large circle on account of her great philanthropy and sterling worth, that her name is a household word for devoted work. Many guests were hurried from one to another of these functions, loth to leave either for other, but fortunately they were not insuperably distant, as sometimes unhappily happens.

Mrs. A. McArthur gives an afternoon reception on Monday at four-thirty, at which that very charming girl, her young daughter, will assist her mother in receiving. Miss McArthur's bright eyes and magnetic presence have been the great attraction at many a brilliant affair this season.

Mrs. Falconbridge's teas last Friday for married people and on Saturday for the younger members of her social circle were among the brightest of the season. The charmingly pretty oung daughter who makes her debut this season was much in evidence at both functions. Mrs. Falconbridge's duties are materially lightened now by the assistance of two able aides, and also the winning and ever-welcome presence of her married

Mrs. John H. Vivian was the hostess of a bright tea yesterday at Violl Villa. Miss Florence Vivian, one of the season's debutantes, is a very graceful and unaffected maiden with gentle, sweet manners and of attractive appearance.

Mr. Bernard Jennings returned this week from a very plea-

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Grantham are cosily settled in a pretty flat in New York, where Mrs. Grantham, whose memory sweet Miss Gertrude Mackenzie is still green in the hearts of Toronto friends, does the honors in a very cordial and suc-

Miss Lillian Gault, daughter of Mr. A. F. Gault, Rokeby, Montreal, is visiting Mrs. Mortimer Clark.

Mrs. W. H. Beatty gave a very elegant tea to a smart party of ladies on Tuesday afternoon, and as usual nothing could have been better done. The host and hostess of The Oaks received in the drawing room. Soft music floated down the wide stairway; in the dining room was a most effectively decorated tea-table with huge baskets of Meteor roses and deep crimson ribbons. Mrs. Beatty wore a gown of rich brocade, and many were the words of admiration given to the stately lady and her two graceful daughters, Mrs. Neshitt and Mrs. W. H. Cawthra, who are just back from a visit in New York. A few of the guests were: Mrs. Perceval Ridout, Mrs. MacMahon, Mrs. Cattanach, Mrs. Riddell, Mrs. Arthurs and Mrs. Victor Cawthrs.

Mrs. T. Mayne Daly spent a short visit with Mrs. Stephen Jarvis, remaining over Sunday in town. Everyone was glad to see Mrs. Daly, who is now residing in Rossland, so very far

Mr. and Mrs. James Ross have been visiting Mr. and Mrs

Grace. They left this week for Montreal.

Mrs. Nordheimer's dance at Glenedyth was the paradise of the debutantes who eagerly awaited its arrival to make their first venture into the social sea. The debutante daughters of the hostess, in shimmering white satin and chiffon, were everywhere admired. Another young lady who looked very well in her coming-out gown-was Miss Nina Clarkson, daughter of Mrs. B. Clarkson of Beverley street. She wore white, the regulation lebutante frock, and carried a large bouquet of white roses. The mammas of the debutantes were at this dance in great force, and all went in to supper specially, so that the occasion was marked as the event which was par excellence a debutantes' evening. The beautiful mistress of Glenedyth has both the will and the savoir faire to arrange everything for the enjoyment of young people in perfection.

Mrs. and the Misses Merritt of St. George street have gone to Bermuda for the winter. They left Toronto the beginning of

Mrs. H. K. Cockin, of the Junction, and her children sailed for England on the Gallia, Wednesday, to be with relatives for a

The tidings of the death of Mr. Harvey Smith, eldest son of Sir Frank Smith of Rivermount, were not, I fancy, quite unex- Sterling, treasurer. A few of the conveners from the different pected, as the deceased gentleman has been in delicate health for some time, and went to Colorado on that account. But regrets and courteous gentleman, who was never happier than when doing some thoughtful and helpful act for anyone whom he been generously donated, the prices can be put at most reasoncould serve. Mr. Smith had several trying pioneer experiences able figures.

new Governor-General and his lady, for whom all sorts of hearty | in the far North and many thrilling escapes which undermined

One thinks of Swinburne's "There were roses, roses all the vay," on entering Matthews' gallery this week and confronting Mrs. Reid's exquisite exhibition of floral and other paintings. When it's not roses, it's pansies, or marguerites, or yellow daisies; a few striking landscapes, a couple of interiors, and a Moorish bridge, every bit of them all the work of a woman truly an artist, make up an exhibition of rare interest and

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Sweetnam have removed from St. incent street to No. 29 Madison avenue, their new residence.

On Saturday next, December 3, Mrs. George Hees and her daughter, Mrs. Stephen Haas, will give a large afternoon recep-tion at Mrs. Hees' residence, 174 St. George street.

On Thursday evening of last week the second of the five ntertainments composing the citizens' course was given by the Mozart Symphony Club of New York. On the nineteenth of next month the third entertainment will introduce Mr. Edward P. Elliott to Toronto people. The entire course ticket was only one dollar, and the seats for any of the five concerts are only twenty-five cents. This is really a popular course and should be

Messrs. Gourlay, Winter & Leeming have received the musial boxes of which I spoke recently, and they are on exhibition in their window in Yonge street. After-dinner music, or music for euchre parties, in the States is very frequently supplied by these beautiful contrivances, and is quite a fashionable fad.

On Monday last at three o'clock the marriage of Dr. Albert Warner and Miss Carrie Louise Webb, the charmingly pretty little sister of Mr. Albert Webb, 86 Charles street, took place at the Church of the Redeemer, Rev. Septimus Jones officiating. Miss Webb's traveling-costume of blue cloth and picture had with black plumes were most becoming to her petite face and golden hair. Mr. Alb rt Webb gave away the bride. Dr. and Mrs. Warner went to New York and other cities for a wedding trip, and on their return will reside in Carlton street.

It is scarcely necessary to draw the attention of the public to the fact that the bal poudre will take place on December 6 and promises to be a great success. It is under the patronage of Sir Oliver and Miss Mowat, Sir George and Lady Kirkpatrick, Lady Edgar, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Arthurs, Mrs. Melfort Bouton. Mrs. H. Cawthra, Mrs. Cosby, Mrs. Joseph Cawthra, Mrs. Chad wick, Mrs. George Gooderham, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Melvin-Jones, Mrs. Kirkland, Mrs. Montizambert, Mrs. H. Macdonald, Mrs. Nordheimer, Mrs. E. B. Osler, Mrs. K. rr Osborae, Mrs. H. M. Pellatt, Mrs. Sweny, Mrs. Somerville, and Mrs. A. Temple

Mr. Rubidge, barrister, of Brantford, has removed with his amily to Toronto, and has taken up house at 62 Brunswick

Miss Stella Morton is visiting in Kingston, the guest of Miss Edith Carmichael. Mrs. Hoodless had a big meeting in the Guelph City Hall the other night to talk about Domestic Science. She made a hit in telling that she advertised for a cook and her husband for an office cierk. No one answered her ad., but fiftyeven girls applied for the clerk's place, some being willing to work for one dollar and a haif a week. Mrs. Hoodless' argument that a moral wrong supplemented the meagre salaries of such girls, is open to question. Many girls have a home with parents, and work for experience until they can demand higher rages. Nine out of ten of the dollar-and-a-half girls were pro bably of this description. It is not to be denied, however, that twenty girls understand bookkeeping for one who knows how to make a pie, cut a bodice or set a pretty dinner-table.

A jolly shooting party including Messrs. Charles Cockshutt, Byron Walker, Mayne Campbell, Z. A. Lash, E. R. C. Clarkson and H. D. Warren returned from St. Clair Flats preserves last Saturday. They had excellent sport, duck shooting.

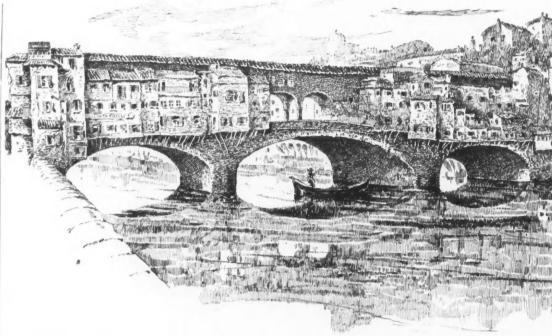
The gowns of the women and the acting of the men are alike xceedingly smart in The Brace of Partridges, now on at the Grand. Most of society's darlings have sighed appreciatively over the former and laughed at the latter during the week. In the curtain-raiser the contortions of Miss Mabel Lane, by way of expressing hopeless love, made the sinews of her neck stand out like ropes, and a quiet man with a touch of humor remarked, The Lost Chord," as he watched then. The honors certainly vent to the cad in this little sketch; he was done to the life, as one can easily avow without leaving the city. It seemed to strike several persons at once that nature and art are this time duplicated very strikingly in our midst.

Mrs. G. R. R. Cockburn has returned home after a long and anxious sojourn with her invalid, Mrs. Tait.

Mrs. Morang of The Elms, Beverley street, has sent out cards for an afternoon reception on next Saturday afternoon, from half-past four to seven o'clock.

The bazar to be held by the young ladies of the combined Methodist congregations of Toronto, in Mrs. George A. Cox's beautiful residence on December 10, will claim the support of a vast number of persons. The president of the bazar committee is Miss Philp; Miss Potts is the secretary, and Miss Amy churches are: Metropolitan, Miss Stella Kerr; Trinity, Mrs. e time, and went to Colorado on that account. But regrets me the less hearty and sincere for the loss of a kindly street, Miss Carman; Yonge street, Miss Graham; and Sher-

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RS. S. G. BEATTY'S tea was attended by a bright gathering of ladies who spent a most plea-sant hour in her handsome home in Isabella street. Mrs. Beatty is always in bright and merry mood, with laugh and jest. A dear old lady, Mrs. Kemp, senior, who is visiting her son in Wellesley crescent, held a small court of her own, many being won by her sweet face and silvery hair to exercise the and enter into friendly chat. Mrs. Beatty gave this tea in honor of her young cousin, Miss Taylor of British Columbia, whose visit has brightened her circle for several weeks, and very pretty looked the guest of honor in a dainty frock of white, veiling a pink silk slip, and trimmings of pink. Mrs. Beatty herself wore green tissue with yoke of white. The guests admired the rooms, the hostess, the guest of honor the charming group of maids in attendance, each other, and most of all many fine sketches and paintings, the work of the mistress of the house, which were strewn about, fresh from her clever hands. At the tea table handsome Mrs. LeGrand Reed poured tea. A novel center-piece on the buffet was an enormous basket with ribbon-wreathed handle, filled with large mums. The tea was most enjoyable, and it was remarked that everybody looked extremely well and that the gowns were quite unusually smart.

The marriage of Miss Constance Esaline Moore and Mr. Percy Edgar Brown took place in Christ church, Chatham, on Wednesday evening. A reception at The Bungalow, Mr. Moore's residence, followed the ceremony.

The announcement in a Toronto paper that Lord Minto had promised to attend St. Andrew's Ball was a bit off in latitude. He was invited, but His Excellency is reported to have promised to honor the Montreal dance on the 30th, so he cannot very well be here on the same night. Toronto is very anxious to have our new Vice-Regal party on a visit, and it won't be long ere we are permitted to welcome these charming people.

Mrs. A. A. Campbell of Belleville is visiting her brother-in-law, Mr. C. J. Campbell of Avenue road.

Mrs. Thomas Alison was one of a party of ladies who registered at Lick Observa-tory, California, on November 8.

The residents of New Toronto and Mimico were afforded a great treat on Friday night, when a very successful con-cert was held under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of New Toronto. Rev T. J. Caldwell of Mimico presided, and an excellent programme was rendered. Among the performers were Miss Margaret Owen, soprano, Prof. Bohner's brilliant pupil, and Messrs. Montague King and Robertson, elocutionist, of Toronto.

Mrs. Harry Wilson and Miss Wilson of 13 Moss Park place entertained their friends at an afternoon tea on Wednesday, November 16.

Mrs. Eaton (nee Eckardt) of 157 St. George street will hold her post-nuptial receptions on next Thursday and Friday, December 1 and 2.

The marriage took place on Thursday morning, November 17, at All Saints' church, of Mr. C. H. Acton Bond and Miss Newton, Rev. Arthur Baldwin officiating. The bride's elder sister acted as bridesmaid and her two younger sisters as maids of honor. Mr. Sandford F. Smith was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Bond left on a visit to the States.

The following ladies are acting as patronesses of the conversazione to be held in Victoria University on December 2: Mesdames Edward Gurney, George A. Cox, C. D. Massey, J. M. Treble, J. E. Graham, L. M. Sweetnam, H. C. Cox, bridesmaids' luncheon is one of the most popular.

It should be as pretty as possible, combining many sentimental touches, for what is a bridesmaids' luncheon without sentiment.

By E. Graham, L. M. Sweetnam, H. C. Cox, R. C. Hamilton, T. Eaton, Carman, Potts, Burwash, and the wives of the professors. The programme will be furnished chiefly by Mr. Harold Jarvis, Miss Jessie Alexbroader. Blight. The decoration is under the supervision of the patronesses, so that altogether the function of this year promises given in connection with the college.

On Thursday next Trinity's concert and dance, under the auspices of the Trinity University A.A.A., will be an event inhave been much in demand, and the number has been wisely limited to avoid crowding.

Dr. H. A. Beatty, Messrs. W. H. Ferguson, J. L. Woods and J. J. Hart are Torontonians registering at the office of the High Commissioner for Canada, in London, this month.

Mr. James Merrick is welcome back after his five months awheel in Eugland and the Continent. Many of us have much enjoyed his account of his rambles.

week in New York, and returned to Toronto on Monday.

Mrs. Alfred Denison spent Horse Show

On Thursday afternoon of last week Harbord street Collegiate, that immense and progressive seat of study, held annual commencement exercises most success-

Miss Mary Drayton is one of Toronto's young ladies who is doing well in New York, and speaks well of the good people of Gotham. Miss Edith J. Miller is looking very well, and is much appreciated by that ultra swell congregation in Madison avenue, N.Y., to whom she sings each Sabbath. Miss Bessie Thompson of Madison avenue is enjoying a winter in New York, the guest of relatives. Mrs. Alfred T. Smith of Fort Porter went down to Gotham for Horse Show week. Mr. and Mrs. Bertie Cawthra were in New in Ottawa last week. Miss Marlowe, dur-York, interested in golf, and also taking ing her connection with the Cummings

ne of the most spoken of girls in America at this moment, continues to charm large audiences by her beautiful rendering of the role of Roxane with Richard Mansfield in Cyrano de Bergerac at the Garden Theater, N.Y. Miss Anglin is adored by her friends, and her personal qualities are and her example infected her friends even more compelling than her histrionic until the rooms were fairly resounding gift. On Wednesday of last week the beautiful and winning young actress gave a very dainty luncheon at the Park Avenue Hotel to a party of ladies, including the Misses Pope and Mrs. Alfred Denison, old Toronto friends. Miss Aileen pleasant privilege of the five o'clock tea is now visiting her sister, while their mother is in town in attendance on the

young brother, who has been so ill. I

regret to say that Mr. Mansfield's ap

proaching tour does not include Canada,

so that we shall not have the chance of

welcoming Roxane, as we so well know

how, to Toronto.

in the Horse Show. Miss Margaret Anglin,

On Thursday evening of last week a very interested party of invited guests witnessed the graduating class of nurses from the Toronto General Hospital receive their hard-earned diplomas and medals. The usual reception was given in the Nurses' Home, west wing, afterwards and was most enjoyable.

Mrs. Julius Miles of Russell street returned quite recently from the North-West after attending the marriage of her niece. Mr. and Mrs. George T. Marks have been since their wedding in Toronto, and on Thursday of last week a few of Mrs. Marks' friends had the pleasure of taking tea with her on the kind invitation of Mrs. Miles. Mrs. Marks (nee Rowand) was always popular with Toronto friends, who very heartily wish her every hap-

Mrs. R. A. Grant gave a charming after oon tea at her home in Earl street on Wednesday from 5 to 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Arthur Jukes Johnson's tea last Saturday was pronounced by all her guests to be most pleasant. The convenient arrangement of her charming home, where, in each room, bright gratefires blazed and flowers were in profusion, enabled a large number to assemble without uncomfortable crowding. Mrs. Johnson was assisted by her sister, Miss Widder, and ever so many men, chiefly of the doctor-host's profession, were on hand to enjoy the duties of the five-o'clocker, as they call him in Paris.

On Wednesday Mrs. J. E. Elliott gave a dainty small studio tea for her friend, Miss Memory of Chicago, at her residence, 496 Church street.

#### Society at the Capital.

HE new Governor-General and family are comfortably settled at Rideau Hall, and have been enjoying a much-needed rest during the past week. His little son, Lord Melgund, is much better, and is already nearly con-valescent. Soon, however, Lord and Lady Minto must undergo the inevitable and commence a series of visits to the various institutions and localities, at each of which an address of welcome will have to be listened and replied to. Verily, the life of a Governor-General and his consort is not a bed of roses. They will probably visit Montreal and Hamilton this month, and on the 15th of December they go for a short time to Toronto. Lord Minto has got considerably grayer, but Lady Minto seems to have the charm of keeping her youth, for she looks not a day older than when she left Canada some dozen years ago. There is a striking resemblance between Lady Minto and the Princess of Wales, which may be partly accounted for by the fact that both wear their hair in the same manner.

Stately old Earnscliffe, the residence of Major General Gascoigne, was on Thurs-day evening for the first time in several years bright with the presence of fair dames and handsome escorts, and filled with light and the strains of dance music. The occasion was the large At Home given by charming Mrs. Hutton, in honor of the presence in town of the D.O.C.'s to confer with the General. Mrs. Hutton, gowned in pale blue silk, and wearing some beautiful diamonds, received in the drawing room. The whole house was thrown open for the guests, and in the dining-room refreshments were served at a large buffet. The G.G.F.G. orchestra, concealed in the stairway, played throughout the evening, Mrs. Otter of Toronto, who, with Lieut.-Col. Otter, has been a guest at teresting a very nice party. The tickets have been much in demand, and the numcame Lady Sybil Beauclerk, Major and Mrs. Drummond, Mr. Guise and Capt. Graham, A D.C. Mrs. Drummond, who came in for no end of admiration, was gowned in blue moire trimmed with rich lace. A few of the many present were: Sir James and Lady Grant, Hon. Dr. Borden, Col. and Mrs. Aylmer, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Hodgins, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Tilton, Col and Mrs. Lake, Major and Mrs. Cartwright. Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Cotton, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Bacon, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Gwynne, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Courtney, Mr. and Mrs. Scarth, Major and Mrs. Rivers, and many others.

The Misses Sparks of Kilmington Place have sent out cards for the first dance of the season. It is to come off on Wednes

day week. His Honor the Lieut.-Governor of the North-West and Madame Forget, who have been staying at Government House in Toronto, are in town, the guests of Hon. Clifford Sifton and Mrs. Sifton.

The engagement of Lady Edith Douglas, sister of Lord Douglas of Hawick, who is so much liked in Toronto, is announced, to Mr. Lane Fox-Pitt, son of the well known general of that name.

Miss Bessie Hill is in Toronto, staying

with Mrs. H. J. Macdonald. With sincere regret was the news of the sudden death of Miss Ethel Marlowe heard In the modern "Love Chase" se se

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Hon. Mr. Dobell sailed for England on

Saturday from Quebec. Mr. W. A. Fraser, the gifted Canadian author who has a most interesting story in Saturday Night's Christmas Number, has been in town this week. He left or Friday for his home in Georgetown, Ont Miss Whitney, daughter of Mr. J. P. Whitney, leader of the Ontario Opposition, is in town on a visit to Mr. Poupore,

M.P., and Mrs. Poupore.
Mrs. Gwynne, wife of Mr. Justice Gwynne, is giving a tea on Wednesday afternoon between the hours of 4 and 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Collingwood Schreiber have returned to Elmsleigh from New York, where their brief honeymoon was spent. Mrs. Pinhey and Miss Nan Pinhey are

in Toronto staying with Mrs. Jack Drum Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Otter of Toronto

who have spent the past week with Major-General and Mrs. Hutton, left for home on Monday. Ottawa, Nov. 22, 1898.



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So then I would ask her again, putting the question in more gifted language for variety's sake.

"I can't stand a man who has nothing else to talk about but asking girls to marry him," she once said. "Why don't you court me first-as other men do?" "Other men court you!" cried I, feeling

"No, you booby! I mean, court me as other men court other girls."

"I don't know how to," I said. And that was the truth. I hadn't the remotest idea how to set about courting a young woman. I couldn't see that any matrimonial preliminaries were in the least necessary. But she said it was absolutely impossible to get married without being courted first. Why didn't I tell her I loved her, for a start, she asked. Well, I should have thought she might have taken that for granted, seeing that I had asked her to marry me. Didn't marriage mean love? It didn't follow, she said No, courtship evidently did not follow marriage, according to her ideas, but went in front of it. Now, I should have

thought just the opposite.

Being a bachelor with a large empty house yawning around me-it seemed as if the furniture was making faces at me sometimes-I had advertised that I was willing to take a few gentlemen as paying guests during the summer months. A Mr. Knowles was the only one to respond to my offer; but he was quite sufficient for five or six. He was a poet, artist, philosopher, and most other things all rolled into one at least, so he told me. He also mentioned that he was a gentleman at large, who had no occupation. I found some difficulty in reconciling these two statements. But he afterwards explained the matter to me by saying that poets and other men of no employment worked harder and did less than anyone else. He had a wonderful faculty for explanation.

On the very first evening of his arrival I confided to him my desire to marry Cerise Burroughs, and mentioned that the only obstacle to our union was her refusal. Mr. Knowles smiled a benign smile of cheering sympathy, which inspired both hope and confidence within me. I felt that here was a man, the friend of all the world, ever ready to lend a helping hand.

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'Very," I said.

"Then you must write her a poem." "Poetry!" I cried. "I can't write

"Leave it entirely to me. I will write

an ode, and you shall present it to her." I was somewhat sceptical about the persuasive powers of that ode. In fact, I thought that such personal remarks as Knowles made about her hair and all that, might set her against me more than ever. However, Knowles said she would be certain to come around in the end.

She didn't come around. But her father did. He came around to my house the next day, and asked what I meant by Knowles came to the rescue, and said that he had written it. Mr. Burroughs was at once pacified, and said he was glad to make Knowles' acquaintance. The end of it was that we all three went around to Mr. Burroughs' house to drink a "cup o' only be waste of money to put my photo

This visit gave Knowles the opportunity of making Cerise's acquaintance, and he McKinley." was able to see what she was like with his own eyes. This was a great advantage, for he could now start to write another ode which would be "just like a real photograph." Knowles even undertook to carry this second poem himself, and slip it into Cerise's hand while her father wasn't looking. He did not seem to mind how much trouble he took in helping me to court my sweetheart.

with this second missive, while I waited at home, feeling pretty positive that he would bring back her written and verbal consent to marry me. When he returned I was rather disappointed to hear that she had said nothing definite; but that was the way with girls, Knowles said.

"I think I've furthered your cause a good deal," continued he. "She has been showing me around her garden, and I told her all the flowers you like, and she plucked them for me. Here they are in Was there no end to his generosity? I my button-hole for you.'

I like to see flowers growing," said I. "But I don't care for them picked; besides, I like a good big rose, or a sunflower, something with some healthy color and muscle in it, and those are forget-me-nots. They're no use to me." Then I'll wear them for you," said

You'll have to send her some flowers in return," said Knowles, the next morning.

What sort does she like ?" 'Hanged if I ever thought to ask her!

I thought all those trifling questions could be settled after marriage."

rudiments of courtship to ask what sort of flowers a girl likes."

"I should have thought vegetables would have been more to the point. Or. vould have been more to the point. Or, eeing that you've got to have dinner with it was not you, but your better nature,

Knowles didn't come home to dinner in the middle of the day, so I guessed he must have had some difficulty in explaining to Cerise that I had not sent the violets out of stinginess. This thought got hold of me so much, that in the afternoon I cut three or four squashes, put a couple of dozen eggs in a basket, and trotted around to see how Knowles was getting on.

He didn't seem to be making any pro gress. In fact, he seemed to have forgotten what he came there for. He was now amusing himself by painting Cerise's portrait. They were sitting in the garden, she in a little rustic arbor, covered with honeysuckle, and he out in the sun in front of her. Cerise had got the violets pinned on her dress.

"I'm very sorry," I said, "that I only sent you the violets in the morning. I see you are wearing them. But I've got something here that'll kneck spots off flowers.' I showed her the squashes and the eggs.

ossibly wear squashes around my neck. Take them to the kitchen." Knowles was right. I saw at once that I had made a mistake. He certainly snew more about what women liked than

'My dear fellow," she said. "I can't

"The next thing," said Knowles, one

evening, "is to make your lady-love a handsome present. That's just what I've been agitating for

all along," I said. "What do you suggest that I should give her?"

Knowles said it didn't matter much-so long as it was something really expensive something extravagant, for choice. This seemed a most peculiar phase of courtship. He explained that girls liked having a lot of expensive things they didn't want. His knowledge of the female sex was almost supernatural. I suggested giving her a pair of gloves a size too small; but he said that was the sort of useless article which no girl delighted in. It must be omething more expensive. We went into a jeweler's, and asked to see some What sort of things! Oh, the things. sort of things one gives to other people The jeweler showed us some match boxes, scent-bottles, button-hooks, manicure weapons and opera-glasses. Knowles disqualified all these as being too practically useful to please Cerise. That miniature watch, ticking like a beating heart, in the middle of it. I objected that was a useful article, because the watch told the time. The jeweler reassured me. It was a stop-watch, he said. Besides, time was of no value to Cerise: the watch could serve no useful purpose, even when it happened to be going. Also if she did try to see the time by it, which could not be done without the aid of a magnifying glass-the watch would be certain to slip around to the other side of her wrist. The only time this braceletwatch would come in handy would be when she was ill and the doctor came to feel her pulse. Besides the watch, this bracelet had a sort of trap-door, which buzzed open on provocation, and showed a place where a miniature photograph

could be inserted. "Whose photograph !" I asked. "The young lady's beau," answered the "I don't know which of you jeweler. two gentlemen is the one; but whichever

it's him." That enigmatic speech of the jeweler's

first set me wondering which of us really was Cerise's young man-Knowles or me? "It's like this," said Knowles to interrupting my speculations. "When you marry her, she won't want a photograph of you, because she'll always po the original.'

"That's very true," I said. "It would Still, I suppose we shall have meone's-we might have a photo of

"Or one of me?" suggested Knowles. It was just like him to think of the right thing on the spur of the moment. It. would never have occurred to me if I'd wondered and puzzled for years. But, as I have already mentioned, I am not smart or bright, like some folks. I am a slow thinker, but a deep one, and I like to go into details.

Then came the question of paying for Knowles was away about three hours this gimerack! Seventy-five dollars! I with this second missive, while I waited stared. It was not expensive, I said—oh no! It was monstrous-ruinousthe dreams of avarice!" Why, grandfather's clock didn't cost as much as that little watch, and was a thousand

> "We had better buy Cerise something cheaper," I said-" a box of chocolates, or a hymn book."

> Once more Knowles came to the rescue. asked myself.

'Since you have chosen this bracelet." I said, when we came out of the shop, "and paid for it, and are going to have your photostuck inside it, and are going to present it with your own hands, won't it look rather as if it was your present to Cerise, and not mine?"

"It may have that appearance," said Knowles. "But so long as we know that it is your present, what does it matter who pays for it or whose photo it contains?

There seemed to be no difficulty which Knowles could not explain away.

"No wonder you have been an unsuccessful lover. Why, it's one of the very bracelet, it only remains for me to men-Concerning this minor incident of the tion how Cerise thanked me for "my" present.

"It was so kind of you-oh, so generous! her for the rest of your life, one might which prompted the gift. It was particu-

larly thoughtful of you to put Mr. Knowles's miniature inside it. It was most thoughtful and unselfish of you!" The next step in my courtship of Cerise, Knowles said, was to take the lady out

somewhere.
"Where?" asked I. "Around the fields, to show her the farm?"

He quite laughed at this. It must be omething more frivolous than a farm. I must take her to a picnic. Well, I hadn't got a picnic. Then I must take her to somebody else's picnic. How would some-body else like that? I asked the question.

"Suppose I give a picnic myself?" said I. That wouldn't do, Knowles said. I was a bachelor and hadn't got a chaperon. What was a chaperon for? So that the young people could make love with propriety, he said. Did they make love to the chaperon? asked I. No. Then what was she there for? For propriety's sake. I began to see the idea at last. could always make complicated matters so lucid.

"It's a sort of triangular arrangement, he said. "The lovers try whether they can't hood wink the chaperon, and she tries whether she can't hoodwink herself. It's like everyone playing a losing game. The picnic was to be arranged in this

We would get Cerise's mother to give the picnic; but Knowles would pay for the food and arrange the whole business. But, then, I should be taking Cerise to her own picnic, I objected. Not at all, he said. It would be my picnic; Mrs. Burroughs would give it; and he would pay

for it. That man had a marvelous head for doing things by proxy. Knowles chose a charming sylvan spot

ome distance from the town. Before long, Cerise and Knowles and I ot lost. It was really Knowles's fault, for he declared he knew the way about those woods. But what did I care whether we were lost or not? What a happy three we were! If I'd been alone with Cerise, I should never have found a word to say, except about the price of lumber, perhaps. And lumber always bored Cerise. There was quite enough lumber in my head already, she used to tell me. But with Knowles there to make all the conversation. I could at Cerise, and fancy that all his sparkling sentences were rippling out of my own mouth. There was never a more decided refutation of the proverb that three's no company. However, bliss can't last for ever. Knowles and Cerise not only lost the way, but after a while they lost me too. I don't know how it happened. Perhaps it was my mistake. I was stooping down to pick some fern leaves for Cerise, and when I looked up they had disappeared. It was a great

That evening I spoke plainly to Knowles. "Look here." I said. "I am getting quite tired of all these ceremonies of courtship. What with odes, and flowers, and bracelets, and picnics, surely, the girl is courted by this time. I've had enough of it. I'm going to ask her whether it isn't ime we got married." "You needn't trouble to do that," said

"I have done it for you. This was more than I expected. It was all very well for Knowles to show me how to woo. But he might have left the finishing touch to me. I told him that I

thought he had overdone things a trifle. 'Not at all," he said, in his quiet way, You've asked the girl to marry you twenty times; she's always said, No. The very first time I ask her, she says-

Yes? "To be exact, her words were, 'Bless you, darling!"

By the way, I suppose you thoroughly explained to Cerise that you were acting on my behalf, and not on your own?" I

'I fear I didn't make that quite clear," he replied. Then he asked : "Did I write the odes to her, or did



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"Did you think of taking her to a pic-

" No." Did you get lost with her, or did I?"

"You." "Did you kiss her?"

"Never! Alas!"
"Did you tell her she was the sweetest

girl in all the world?"
"Durned if I did!" 'Did you propose to her?"

Twenty times!" "Another point to you; but I'm still points in hand. Did she accept you?

'It seems not. "Well, that makes an odd trick. Now ask you, as a plain, straightforward gentleman and a cider merchant, whether after all these services I have performed for you-whether I do not deserve some gratitude from you?"

I granted him that if ever mortal merited thanks from fellow-mortal, he had earned eternal obligations from me.

"I have done everything for you," he said, "except one thing. There is still one small service, and only one, which remains for me to do."

"To marry the girl for you. Which he accordingly did. And I was est man. There's nothing like being a consistent

"What is that?"

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"Like a wise man, father saw through my folly, and resolved to prevent my selfdestruction, if it were possible.

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That very day father came along and handed me fifty dollars, remarking, 'Ned, take that money, spend it as you choose, but understand this much: it's the last dollar of my money you can have till you prove yourself capable of earning money and taking care of it on your own ac

"I took the money in a sort of dazed manner, and stammered out, 'I-why-I

-I want to go into business. "'Business!' exclaimed father, con-temptuously, 'what do you know about managing the mercantile business? Get a clerkship and learn the alphabet before ou talk to me of business And father left me then to ponder on his words. And that fifty dollars was the last money my father ever gave me, till at his death I received my part of the property by inher-

"I felt hard and bitter then, felt my father was a stingy old fogy, and mentally resolved to prove to him that I could live without his money. He had roused my pride-just what he intended, I suppose.

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HERE were two women journeying along life's highway, and one was wise and one was foolish. "How beautiful! how perfect! cried the Satisfied One, pointing

to the scintillating bubbles that floated above their heads. But the Unsatisfied One reached up and caught them, and when they melted at

her touch she mourned. "See the roses," said the Satisfied One. Are they not sweet?"

But the other plucked them eagerly, and they shattered in her hands, and only the thorns remained. 'Dry your tears and behold the glory of the clouds," entreated the Satisfied One 'Such a wondrous picture was never painted by mortal hands, for they are the

color scale of God." But the Unsatisfied One rose into them and found them but colorless vapor.

"Look! the moon and the stars are brought down to earth," quoth the Satisfied One, as she gazed on the placid waters of the lake. But that other one reached down for

them and would not be comforted when she dug up naught but mud and slime.

"Listen, listen to the laughter of the living," said the Satisfied One, "Sweeter music I never heard," and she joined in merrily; but, alas! the other put her ear too close, and the laughter turned into a mocking shout, and she wept aloud. At last on the confines of earth stood

these two spirits, and the Satisfied One looked longingly down the path of vanished days. "It was good to be there," she said. "It

was blessed to be alive." But the Unsatisfied One turned her weary eyes to the vast unknown and held out yearning arms.

Surely, surely there is-there must be-something better than that," she moaned, "else had I not been forever Then they passed from sight, each a dif-

ferent way. And one of them was wise, and one was foolish.

A woman knelt in adoration before her idol, and an Unbeliever paused to pity her. "Why bow before that mocking image?" she asked. "I assure you it is a most

grotesque and horrible thing. "How dare you?" cried the Worshipper. It is the most beautiful idol in all the world, and I ask nothing better than to adore it.

"Beautiful?" said the Unbeliever scornfully. "Why, its very heart is black." "That is my fault," the Worshipper said hastily, as she poured her own heart's

blood upon it. "The feet are cloven," the Unbeliever went on, but the woman who worshipped

knelt in silence and kissed them. "See, it is leering at you," said the Unbeliever with a shudder, but the Worshipper threw a veil across her idol's face and swore it was smiling rweetly.

"Its eyes do not look at you but at another woman," cried the Unbeliever triumphantly, and at this the Worshipper turned upon her in flerce anger.

"Did you never have a god," she ques tioned, "that you should come and torture me? Torment me no longer, for I am satisfied. Then the Unbeliever answered low

Yes, I once had an idol too, and I was content to worship it. But at last my eyes were opened, and I saw it was false, and I hurled it from its pinnacle and mocked it." "And are you happier now?" asked the

The Unbeliever shook her head. "I am the most desolate of women, he answered sadly. "Then go your way and leave me in peace," cried the Worshipper, "for I am

But the Unbeliever lingered. "Answer me one question and I shall go," she said at last.

"Do you get anything in return for what you give?"

The Worshipper pondered deeply. "I never thought of that," she con-fessed. "When I give all, I ask nothing

in return save to be allowed to give. Surely that is bliss enough." "Perhaps after all it is a blessed thing to be a fool," murmured the Unbeliever. as she went on her lonely journey.

pityingly. "Poor foolish creature!" she sighed. 'She does not know that our idols are what we make them."-Vogue.

But the Worshipper looked after her

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Suddenly, one day, her friends and admirers were startled by the news that she was to accompany the Comte on a trip to the wildest parts of Brittany; and this in the middle of winter. The project ap-peared selfish to some, most suspicious to others, and the "others" proved to be right, for the Comte and his pretty wife were never seen again in Paris, and the The "BELL" is the only piano that is guaranteed for most mysterious story was told by an only bed spent the night in the most mysterious story was told by an old

The couple inn nearest to the old Castle of Ker-truivinn nearest to the old Castle of Ker-truivinn nearest to the old Castle of Ker-truivarch, where the Comte, who was a scholar
and a member of the Ecole des Chartes, in
and a member of the Ecole des Chartes, in Paris, said he wanted to make a few archeological researches; this being one of the numerous pretexts he had given for his untimely journey. In the morning they hired a carriage and started to visit the ruins. "Nothing in the behavior of the Comtesse betrayed the slightest uneasiness," said the loquacious innkeeper; "she certainly did not look very bright, but how could she? Her husband was so old and grave!" The Comte carried in his hand a heavy book, which he seemed to consult anxiously all along the road. At the gate of the castle he alighted from the carriage and helped his wife out. She doctor in whom you have was shivering with cold, in spite of her thick fur mantle, which was insufficient to protect her from the icy wind.

If you need a remedy you Then both disappeared.

This was at eleven in the morning. At want one that has been tested two in the afternoon the old coachman was still standing at the head of his horse, tried thing that is urged upon what had happened? At last he field his you, or on which you save a animal to a hook near the old postern, and, trembling with fear, he entered the few cents—that is no consid- ruins. For a long time he searched about and called, but he found no one and heard no answer. At last he went back to the village half-dead with fright. His looks were so haggard that the suspicions of the authorities were roused at once, and he was taken back to the castle between two gendarmes and followed by all the villagers some of whom threw stones and handfuls of earth at his head. But no traces of the Comte and Comtesse were discovered, and the driver was ultimately set at liberty. The investigation surmised that, most probably, the Comte and his wife had met their death on a narrow terrace, slightly slanting toward the sea, where the waves would come at times and un-

expectedly carry everything away. The sad event was soon forgotten in Paris, but not so by the people in the village, for they knew that if the couple had been carried away by the treacherous waves their bodies would have been washed ashore at a certain place on the coast. A brilliant Parisian officer, the Baron S— had also not forgotten the young and beautiful Comtesse; rumor says now that he had loved her before her marriage, and adds that he had not ceased his visits to her afterward, in spite of the stern husband and his threatening frowns. He sent in his resignation at once and disappeared; but he did not go farther than the little village inn, and, having high quality in material. Never buy a light weight corset unless it is a P. D. made himself a friend of the old coachman, he would go day after day with him roving about the ruins or scouring along the coast under the old dungeons. But man, he would go day after day with him roving about the ruins or scouring along the coast under the old dungeons. But the young Parisian came back every night paler and paler.

He had a letter of introduction from the Ecole des Chartres to the monks of the ancient monastery of St. Brandau, which is almost at the gate of the castle, and he asked them to show him all the old documents concerning Ker-Guivarch, for he rnins. One day he was found uncon scious in a corner of the library. Before him was a book open at the following passage:

"It is not, as people say, that demons and goblins haunt the walls and the vaults of the dreaded Castle of Ker-Guivarch, where so many people have come never to be seen again. But the master of the castle had their revenge on their enemies. They induced them to come to a certain place from whence one could see a big and curiously shaped rock. There, as soon as they had put their foot on a certain step, the stone would give way and they were precipitated into a deep hole, communi cating with the sea, where thousands of sea monsters were eagerly waiting for prey. In less than a day they would have completely devoured the victims, leaving not the slightest scrap of flesh or bone to tell the tale."

The young officer died without having recovered his senses, and the monks of St. Brandau, not guessing the dreadful story, had kept the book open, and shown the paragraph to his brother, who at once understood the ghastly mystery. The Comte was old and jealous—the Comtesse The 5 lb. carton of Table Salt thanks to his archeological studies, knew is the neatest package on the the revolving step at Ker Guivarch, and, too selfish to die alone, had taken with him his bride, whom he believed to be unfaithful. The secret was not strictly

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party of young girls. Her cheeks were pink and her little curls fluttering. She laughed a great deal. "O Miss Asenath," at last exclaimed

one of the girls innocently, "how gay you must have been!" 'Have been!" repeated the lady indignantly. "Have been! Well, I'd have you know I'm not a centurion yet!"

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herself upon the chance that enabled Manager O. B. Sheppard to secure the Strand Comedy Company for the present week at the Grand Opera House in A Brace of Partridges. Charles Frohman brought this company out from England to open his new theater in New York, and A Brace of Partridges would have run much longer but that Frohman was under contract with another company. The Strand Company had a week to spare before sailing to re-open at the London Strand, and as the Grand had an open date and as the players had a desire to run into Canada before going homethe matter was arranged, and A Brace of Partridges is delighting Toronto people

There is something new and refreshing in the way these English play-actors go through this piece. The London actor is as different from his New York contemporary as is the average Briton from the average Yankee. One may prefer either, yet vastly enjoy an experience of the other, Mr. Reeves-Smith's walk on the stage is not the stage walk that we see all season. He has brought it with him from abroad, and in our unacquaintance with it it proves to be an eccentricity that fasci-nates us. He also has a quietness of speech and a restfulness of demeanor that belongs, no doubt, to the school from which he comes rather than to himself, and which we never see in an actor trained in New York. A Brace of Partridges played by a New York company would be boisterous, hurried, doctored with much by-play. For instance, the city waiter, who proves so acceptable to the audience in the first act, and does not appear in the second, would almost certainly be dragged up to London by a Yankee manager and made to appear in the second act. A New York playwright would have so written it on some shallow pretext-a New York Spiffins would insist upon it. George Shelton, as Spiffins the waiter from the

city who has come down to serve in a country inn for the benefit of his health, is one of the most amusing characters we have seen for years. He looks like a character just stepped out of one of Dickens' works. He has put on breakfast for a guest who is not now in sight, and complains that he cannot search all over the countryside for him. "I'm a waiter, not a bloodhound," he says. Spiffins is a treat. H. Reeves-Smith plays a double role, Hon. Arthur Partridge and Mr. Alfred Partridge, and the way he follows



The Poor Girl who said "Good bye."

himself on and off the stage is astonishing. Not a man in the audience but marvels how he manages to change his trousers so many times and so quickly. But the better work is found in the way he changes his mannerisms—and never once mixes his two tones and characters changing over and over again from the quiet, sober Arthur, to the nervous, humorous Alfred. This is genuine acting.

Indeed, the whole company aims at genuineness. We have grown accustomed to seeing entire companies groping ever for applause at any cost to art or truth, and this company, without greed in this regard, fares better than any of them. There is talk of a national theater in New



Partridge and Spillins.

York. This company, or another from London, might wisely be secured to play before New York actors to illustrate the truth that all comedies need not be farces. and that all applause need not be implored, insisted upon and waited for. It is quite certain that Toronto people will turn out and fill the Grand at the closing performances of this clever production. The curtain-raiser that precedes the comedy is very disappointing; it is dull of itself and poorly done, yet it serves to throw the real production into strong

Two Little Vagrants has been renew ing its popularity at the Toronto Opera House this week. In it Miss Mildred Holland comes about as near an exact portrayal of a boy as a woman can hope for. It is rather a woman's ideal than the actual masculine character. Still, as a boy naturally is somewhat of a stoic in showing any but the most material feelings, it would be hard to show a boy's inner character if absolute truth to nature were preserved. But as a woman's boy, Fan Fan is about perfect. He is honorable, brave, soft-hearted and instinctively polite. He pleases both the feminine and the masculine eye in that he is a sturdy, healthy-looking lad with a good open air

is also unusually good.

On Wednesday afternoon Dr. Carlyle, the gifted reader, entertained a select audience in the music hall of the Toronto College of Music. Pembroke street, with Cyrano de Bergerac. At the present time Rostand's play is attracting world-wide attention, and Dr. Carlyle's conception of it is of value. On next Wednesday after-noon at 3.30, Dr. Carlyle will, at the same place, treat of The Lady of Lyons

This is the last week of Richard Mans field in Cyrano de Bergerac at the Garden, and the final fortnight in New York, the other half of the time being allotted to the Harlem Opera House, after which the play will be taken to Chicago. Other and less adequate productions of the Rostand

work in English have seemed to serve as advertisements of Mr. Mansfield's, and burlesques have exploited it.

George Monroe as Her Majesty the Cook will appear at the Toronto Opera House next week. George Monroe has been in Toronto before, although not in this new production, and we know him to be a clever female impersonator and jolly comedian. They say that as the cook he serves up some fine dishes of fun.

The concert given by C. LeRoy Kenney and Bert Harvey proved to be very enjoyable. There is a decided development in Mr. Kenney's work and he makes ever better use of his decided talents. Mr. Harvey is always delightful, and his I Want to be a Soldier made quite a hit.

It is expected that the Royal Italian Opera Company will sing at the Grand Opera House for the first half of next week. For the balance of the week Primrose & Dockstader's Minstrels will occupy the boards.

Exceptionally good business is being done by The Highwayman this season De Koven and Smith expect that it will prove a regular Robin Hood so far as continued popularity is concerned.

It is proposed to put on theater cars on some of the leading railways running out of New York. In these will be given vaudeville performances.

It is now expected that On and Off will run all winter at the Madison Square Theater. The phonograph in the second act makes a lot of fun.

The Battle of San Juan is being presented this week at the Pleasure Theater. New York, in the form of a spectacular melodrama.

The quarrel between Robert Hilliard and the manager of Sporting Life has been patched up and the play again has its hero.

Great interest is being shown in the tour of Madame Modjeska this season. People are taking kindly to tragedy for a

The Cummings Stock Company will produce Wilson Barrett's fine play, Hoodman Blind, next week at the Princess William H. Crane is at the Knicker-

bocker Theater, New York, playing a new piece entitled Worth a Million.

The Christian is to be produced in England by Wilson Barrett on Hall Caine's return from America.

People are renewing their acquaintance with Uncle Tom and his Cabin at the

Special matinees were given in all the theaters on Thanksgiving Day.

Sara Bernhardt has just celebrated her fifty fourth birthday.

Rose Coghlan contemplates a tour as

### Eccentricities of the Great.



tific discoveries have been combated and misunderstood, even by great men. Admiral Sir Charles Napier flercely opposed the introduction of steam power into the royal navy, and one day exclaimed in the House of Commons: " Mr. Speaker, when we enter Her Majesty's naval ser-

vice and face the chances of war we go prepared to be hacked to pieces by cutlasses, to be riddled with bullets, or be blown to bits by shot and shell; but, Mr. two little vagrants no doubt lost something coming through the dreaded ordeal of being adapted for the American stage, but enough originality and unitative manufactures and power in men-of-war with boilers which stage, but enough originality and unitative manufactures are the officials and undressed and got into bed. After an hour's sleep he awoke, when it suddenly struck him that he had not yet a large manufacture was retiring for the night, he add undressed and got into bed. After an hour's sleep he awoke, when it suddenly struck him that he had not yet a large manufacture was retiring for the night, he as a large was retiring for the night, he as a ordeal of being adapted for the American power in men-of-war with boilers which stage, but enough originality and unlated at any moment might be shattered by an dined, on which he hurried down to his not contributed to the success of the American individuality remain to make enemy's shot-this was a prospect the guests. He once attended a representait one of the strongest "popular" plays gallant sailor could not face. Yet in a we see here. The company presenting it few years Sir Charles Napier found himself in command of the largest steam navy that the world had ever seen. Stanley (subsequently the great Lord Derby) presided over a select committee of the House of Commons to examine into the state of steam navigation. George Stephenson, the eminent engineer, who was examined, spoke of the probability of steamships crossing the Atlantic. heavens! what do you say?" exclaimed Lord Stanley, rising from his seat. "If steamships cross the Atlantic I will eat the boiler of the first boat." That pledge was never redeemed.

A few years ago the Duke of Argyll was taken suddenly ill while delivering a lecture in a hall in Edinburgh, with Lord Kelvin in the chair. "When the aged peer was carried down to one of the anterooms," wrote one of the Scottish news





Impressions of Mr. Hall Caine.

papers, "one of the first things to be year. All season the Toronto daily papers thought of was the lighting of a fire, and this task was tackled by the Duke's host, Lord Kelvin. But, instead of placing some paper in the grate and some wood on that, in the orthodox manner, he amazed the onlookers by desperate efforts to kindle a handful of sticks at a gasburner!" Ordinary mortals, it was added, may be pardoned in taking some comfort to themselves on learning that "even so great a philosopher as Lord Kelvin does not know how to light a fire."

The pleasant coffee room of the old Star and Garter" at Richmond—which was burned down in 1869—was patronized by statesmen, politicians and writers. On Saturday evenings it was regularly visited by a middle-aged gentleman of rather broad stature, with gray hair and a large shirt collar, which formed a conspicuous feature in his attire. He would dine always alone at a particular corner table, and after dinner it was his humor to build up before him a pyramid of tumblers and decanter. Occasionally the whole structure would topple over and litter the table with its ruins. Then the middle-aged gentleman would rise, pay his bill, incl ading the charge for broken glass, and de part. The waiters knew him well. He was Thomas Babington, Lord Macaulay!

The late Mr. Justice Keogh was in the latest years of his eventful career afflicted with an unpleasant failing of memory. On the occasion of a "bar dinner" at his house he went upstairs to dress, but did not reappear. The company sail better of their manners and an emissary was being despatched to hunt up the missing Judge-his lordship appeared and tion of Macbeth in the Gaiety Theater, Dublin. It will be remembered that the witches, in reply to the Thane's enquiry what they were doing, declared they were doing "a deed without a name." Catching the sound of the words, and no doubt imagining he was on the bench in the Four Courts, Keogh exclaimed, to the astonishment of the audience, "A deed without a name! Why, it's not worth sixpence!"

Sporting Comment.



T was clearly shown on Saturday last at Rose-dale that pressmen who write on sport are, like pressmen who write on politics, likely to be overcome with sion sooner or later if they are partizans and make predictions that are based largely on their desires rather than on an impartial knowledge of the merits of various Rugby teams. Your

heated politician is not a safe prophet on matters political; the press man who undertakes to shout for some one Rugby team gradually grows blind to values and sees only what he topes to see-great merit in favorite team and weaknesses in other teams. Other people cannot realize that the man believes that he is right, that the facts are behind him, and that the future will vindicate him. Other people know that he is championing a team that is inferior to others; its inferiority is marked that they think he must know it but they forget that he is misled by his affections and is as genuinely sure of his team as are any of the actual players. But on Saturday the 'Varsity men played Ottawa City such a game as the Rough Riders never expected to meet with this

have openly or by implication treated the 'Varsity team as a lot of promising juniors who might do very well in a toy league, but not to be compared with Hamilton or Osgoode, and certainly not with Ottawa City. Of late the Mail has recognized, what I claim was apparent all along, that 'Varsity has been playing the only good senior Rugby in this part of the country. I said several weeks ago-after having seen all the teams play-that 'Varsity could outplay either Hamilton, Argonauts or Osgoode, and when the newspaper allies of Osgoode kept repeating that the legalites would play 'Varsity a close game, I replied that Osgoode had much to learn and much to forget before they could play a close game with 'Varsity. But no credit accrues to anyone for have ing recognized this-thousands of people saw it and spoke of it. Outside the sport ing columns of the daily papers the superiority of 'Varsity over other local teams was fully admitted by all but the wine-glasses, which he toppled with a flatterers and blind followers of the Argonauts and Osgoodes. Every schoolboy in town knew it. It only remained for Saturday's game to demonstrate it. Ottawa City was in some respects quite outplayed by the students; in some respects the students were outplayed-not that either; they were not out-played anywhere, but they were outweighed. The smallest bit of luck, to say the least, would have seen 'Varsity finish with a score of 9 or 10 against Ottawa City's 7. The game was so well fought out that chance might almost as well have thrown patiently for some time, till at length

-just as their hunger was getting the

the victory one way as the other. It was
not a walk-over. It was the closest, hardest, best game of the year, and the Rough Riders won because of their strength in retaining possession of the ball, and beexplained with many apologies that, im- cause official whistles blew whenever

manœuvres which the whistles defeated. Messrs. Bayley and Fitzgibbon are among the best officials obtainable in Rugby, and no doubt they were quite right in all they be. The point I am trying to make is this. that up to the last moment victory was as uncertain as the toss of a copper. Throughout the game the 'Varsity men

tackled-taking the team as a whole-as we have never seen it done before. In judging the excellence of the tackling we are compelled to consider the marvelous dodging of Kenny, McGee and Wilson. A dozen times the cry went up, "They're off!" as Rough Riders began a run, and people expected to see what had been seen against Argonauts and Osgoodes. But every time these runs came to sudden stops before going very far. Blackwood played a phenomenal game, sprinting and tackling as perhaps nobody else can. The only work that compared with his was Ripley's at Hamilton against Ottawa. Hills, McKenzie and Boyd, Burnside it is perhaps unfair to mention even these when the team did so well. As for the Ottawa men, it may be said that they played their best game (no higher praise ould be given) and without roughness. Indeed, the hard tackling of the students laid out many Rough Riders during the game.

Perhaps Ottawa College will refuse to play off with Ottawa City. The feeling between the two teams is not friendly, and College and 'Varsity will meet. There seems little likelihood of 'Varsity and Osgoode coming together, as there is really nothing to be settled by such a meeting. There clings in the public mind no doubt as to the strength of the two teams. The visit of a picked team to Buffalo for Thanksgiving Day may lead to very interesting international games another year. THE UMPIRE.

The Matron and the Matinee.

HE Matron had been induced to go to a matinee performance at the Princess Theater. Like many an other Toronto matron she had always regarded the play houses as pitfalls

and places of wickedness, where vice hovered like a contagion and tainted all who breathed its atmosphere. It was her great sorrow that her children persisted in going to such places. She was inex pressibly shocked when her daughters first suggested that she should go with them to a matinee, and she expressed herself so strongly that there seemed no likelihood of such a suggestion ever being made again.

But it was suggested again a week later. Why should she not go when Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Jones went once a week? Besides, it was not like going to see one of those traveling troupes; these people lived right in the city; and it was not as if she was paying a dollar—she could get a seat for fifteen cents.

She went-heavily veiled, terrified, ready to fly, but supported on each side by her daughters, who regularly visited the theaters. Only those can appreciate her state of mind, who have shunned and denounced a sin for fifty years, and then through weakness have allowed themselves to be openly led into it.

Would that policeman let her go in Would he not stop her? If he even warned her she would still turn back. The daughters led her through the street doors of the theater into the moving crowd. With trembling hand she tight ened the veil about her face.

"Brace up, mother," whispered one of her daughters with a laugh.

The Matron gave a low cough, but hastily tried to cover it with her hand, lest the sound should reveal her identity. She felt that if she was recognized she would be turned out because of the things she had often said about theaters but perhaps it was her thick veil that saved her, for certainly no person seemed to take any notice of her. She was reassured somewhat to observe that the crowd, so far, at least, conducted itself very soberly-so far, strictly so far, she had observed no signs of nakedness, nor had heard evil language.

Inside! Her daughters were speaking to her, but she could not hear. Her soul was shocked. The lights and the musicit was brilliant and godless, no doubt.

Soon the play began. It was a very sad play in which a villainous fellow won a good girl for a wife by lying about the girl's real lover. Yes, and tried to kill the good young man and succeeded in robbing him of all his property. The Matron wept as she had not done for years, wept as did no other person in the theater, but she did not observe this. Then things took a swift turn-the villain was foiled, he was shot by one of his evil comrades and died unrepentant, villain that he was. Oh, a very bad man that, if ever there was one! One could hardly believe that anyone could be so bad. The good young man-gray in his hair now-and the poor girl kiss each other. "Yes, loved one, we will forget the horrible past." In a drench of tears the Matron started to see the curtain go down, the crowd jumping up and beginning to hurry out, elbowing rudely.

"Wait until the crowd gets out," said one of her daughters.

And so this is play-acting! That hussy was kissing that man and crying on his neck—the shameless hussy! And only pretending all the time. All but the kiss ing, no pretending about that, she'd war-

The Matron's handkerchief was working furiously inside her heavy veil as they emerged on King street.

"Well, mother, how did you like the play ?" asked one of the daughters.

The Matron glared through her veil at her unnatural child. They boarded a car, and at the next corner a gentleman friend of the family entered. The Matron stared fixedly in another direction, but he came up and spoke to the daughters. She found it necessary to bow. "Were you at the theater?" he asked

brightly of the Matron. 'Certainly not," she declared indignantly.

Her red eyes showed through her veil her indignant tone suggested to the man that the family had been overtaken by ome swift trouble.

"Pardon me," he said. "You are in ome trouble. I can see-

"You can see nothing," she snapped. I am in no trouble, at all. Stop the car: we shall get off here."
"Not here, mother," said the daughter.

The friend of the family opened his eyes very wide, raised his hat, stepped to the rear and left the moving car at some danger to life and limb. The Matron glared in turn at her daughters, choking with stifled laughter.

Two weeks later the Matron again sat in the Princess witnessing a comedy that had not a tear in it. The friend of the family sat on one side, the two daughters on the other. She is a regular attendant now—goes once a week—and compares there are those who predict that Ottawa the different plays, the merits of the various members of the company, and last week financed the household so that all could go to the Grand to see MacDowell and Blanche Walsh in Antony and Cleopatra.

The Matron is a type. She typifles the city of Toronto, which is at last quickly overhauling her prejudices and getting saner views of very many things that

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### IN THE NORTH AFTER DEER.

Ten Days' Sport in the Swamps and Forests Along the Magnetawan.



have been many sad disruptions in the deer families of Muskoka during the past fortnight, and many a buck is searching for a missing doe which has long since become venison.

The railway people will tell you that never before in the history of the country have so many people traveled to the north, and the baggagemen on south-bound trains will tell you that never before have they handled so many carcasses. In one car I counted forty-one deer and three bear cubs. And the Government inspectors might have had their eyes opened had they glanced at those carcasses. As everyone knows, there is a law prohibiting hunters from shooting at deer in the water. In such cases the animal has no chance. A man can paddle up to within a few yards of him and blow his head off. When a hunter shoots at a deer in the woods he never aims at his head, but at the shoulder, and this the inspectors should remember. They should investigate as to how it happens that fully half the deer shipped from Mu-koka have been shot in the head. The chief offenders in this respect, as far as I could learn, were those who went away up in the wilds and lived in tents or boarded in lumber camps.

It has also been noticed that animals shipped from distant northern points are invariably large splendid specimens, and the reason given is that these hunters kill more than the allotted number, feeding the small ones to the dogs or eating

them in camp.

The district along the Magnetawan river was a favorite resort this year, and the majority of those who took this route thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The weather was excellent. There was not as much snow there as fell in Toronto. In fact, had there been more snow there would have been better sport, for the track of a hoof greatly aids a dog in keeping on the scent and enables him to travel half as fast again as when he has to go on smell alone. Hundreds of hounds roamed the woods this season, and although these are still considered by many the only proper dogs with which to chase deer, the collie is rapidly becoming a favorite. I have heard old hunters say that this Scottish scout has a keener sense of smell than a hound, and many instances are related of his starting deer in a swamp that the hounds had left in apparent disgust. But the collie has one fault. He runs too fast. When he gets after a buck he thoroughly frightens him and sends him along at such terrific speed that the hunter has scarcely time to raise his gun. At first a collie is useful, for he will run only a short distance after a deer, which will then be followed by the more methodical and less speedy hounds, but once he has seen a dead carcass or tasted venison, he will chase a deer across several counties. This season a collie actually cornered a doe only a few miles from Burk's Falls. He chased her from the woods into a field and was fighting with her when she was shot. It was several inches shorter than the other, and she had probably been wounded when

a fawn last autumn. Some hounds are too keen and others are not keen enough. One of our dogs and coming home at night apparently gorged. He was followed one morning by one of the boys and found in a swamp a couple of miles away busily devouring the remains of a dead horse. Some hounds will follow a deer for days at a time, while others will return to the guide to be put on a fresh trail as soon as the animal they have been pursuing gets out of reach or takes to the water. One of the most sagacious dogs in this respect was a hound which had been given to a Toronto party by James Bulger of Smith's

One of the finest bucks brought out of Muskoka this year was got by a man who was cool-headed enough to wait. In speaking about the episode afterwards ne said :

"It often happens that a buck and a doe are traveling together. When the hounds get after them, the doe, being the more timid, is the first to run, while the buck often just walks to one side and ets the dogs pass. If a hunter shoots at the doe and then keeps quiet, he will often get a chance afterwards at the buck. In this case, after the hounds had passed the buck walked directly towards me."

It is not often that a man gets two bucks at the same time, but this was the good fortune of a Buffalo man last week and it happened under the most peculiar circumstances. He was returning to camp when he came upon two bucks fighting. Their antlers were locked so securely that neither could run away and he killed them both. Even after death the heads could not be separated, and the pair were sent to Hamilton together. It was a valuable trophy and admired by

everyone on the train. Our guide told a story of another easy capture which happened last year. The hunter in this case saw a large buck through the foliage of some saplings, and It did not move, and when he approached it he found that its antiers had come fastened in the fork of a tree and

OR the next twelve months that it had been dead for some time. the hound-chased deer of Very different was the experience of the north woods will enjoy a hortner sportsman. The guide who was a thoroughly well-earned rest, for the season for shooting these prettiest of Canadian animals closed ing up sat astride of the prostrate deer, last week, and the bearded hunters and skeleton-like dogs have returned. There throat, when up he jumped, tossing the huntsman in the air. Another bullet from the guide's rifle killed him as he was racing away with the speed of a Queen's Plater. Then it was discovered that the first bullet had simply stunned him, having struck him on the antler close to the head.

I did not hear of any fatalities this year, although two men from Burk's Falls showed bullet marks in their hats. One hunter amused the crowd at the wharf by appearing in a scarlet uniform that would make a hunt club rider envious.

"Why, you'll never shoot anything in those togs," said a friend. "A deer could

see you a mile off."
"That may be," replied this cautious sportsman, "but neither will any of you fellows take me for a deer."

Some people, when looking at a deer's head, wonder how an animal with such horns can travel at so great a rate of speed through a thick bush. The reason is that a buck, when running, holds his head well back, and the antlers almost rest on in connection with honorable murder. his shoulders. All the tips are then curved down. If bucks are ever domesticated they will not need any overhead checks. A doe, not having horns, runs with her head down, like a calf. A hound never chases a young fawu, for by a wise provision of nature a fawn does not commence to leave any scent until old enough to run fast. Were it not for this the young ones would probably be all killed by foxes and wolves.

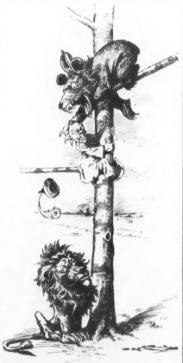
The game law says that no hunter shall shoot more than two deer, but hunting parties have a way of overcoming this oint. Supposing there are five in a party.
One man may get six deer and the other four get only one each. In such cases there is a divide and each man brings home two. A man must needs have a great amount of patience to be a successful deer hunter, for it is exasperating to stand all day on a run-way without getting a shot, and if this experience has to be endured for four or five days in succession he is liable to come to the conclusion that venison is indeed deer meat. I was told that the settlers in the wilds still kill deer whenever they wish. One farmer told us that they become somewhat of a nusiance before the season for shooting commences, and his remarks, which caused a laugh at the time, were borne out to some extent the following day, when one of the party in dressing a sturdy buck found unmistakable signs that his lordship had recently indulged in a square meal at the

expense of some farmer's turnip patch.

Board in the north is of the best and can be procured at reasonable rates. Our party, for five dollars a week each, had the best of meals, comfortable beds and the services of an expert guide thrown in. And the host was not stingy in arranging his menu. Each man was supposed to eat a whole partridge at a single sitting, and with your lungs full of Muskoka atmosphere this is not so difficult as one might imagine. Part "Gentlemen," said one of ridges are not so plentiful now as formwas afterwards discovered that the animal had been lame. One of her legs up north almost as soon as the birds are coming forw your places."

feathered. More bears have been shot this year than usual. The train brought down four, one full grown and three cubs. There is no law against shooting these animals,

in Muskoka. Before closing this article I must describe a sight now rare in the north—that his place until both have fired. Now, of a beaver dam in process of construction. In a meadow on an adjoining farm two of these hard-working animals were busy all day long. The work of beavers has often been described, but one has to see them to appreciate the marvelous ingenuity



- Life.

of these they will feed during the winter. Trees six inches in diameter were deftly cut down by these beavers and all the limbs were neatly stripped off before the trunks were floated down to the dam. The dam itself was constructed of small sticks with mud packed firmly in the interstices, and the whole structure was reinforced by strong limbs. There is rarely a washout on a beaver dam. The top of this one is so level that the water runs over evenly at all points. There will be no fissure unless the farmer makes one, which would not surprise me, as the backwater from the dam has converted a considerable area of his pasture land into a slash and is killing some of his trees.

"I am not going to disturb them," said he. "It is against the law to kill them now or offer their skins for sale.

I doubt, however, if he intends keeping his word, for on going away I saw a large beaver trap hanging on the limb of a tree beside his barn. JOHN F. RYAN.

### THE DE RPANSCOMBE. A Fragment.

BY MACK.

McT AGGERT knew that the man opposed to him was the greatest duality in value greatest duellist in Ireland. The name of Capt. Considine had been heard beyond Dublin, and always according to the code. Standing now beneath the trees in the chilly morning air, awaiting the conclusion of the seemingly interminable conference between the seconds, McTaggert could think of nothing but the story told him a year earlier at Oxford—a story told with every expression of horror by Dillingham, the effeminate—of how the savage Irish duellist, Capt. Considine, had fastened a quarrel on Branscombe, an undergraduate, and had shot him fair between the eyes. To McTaggert this had always seemed a far-away tragedy until now, something interesting but impersonal, like the stabbing of Julius Cresar. The fact was that Branscombe had met his fate before McTaggert had gone up to Oxford, and he had listened to the story just in the way a youth will listen to the

"A curse on the butcher," said McTaggert inwardly, "I'm not the kind of fellow who gets killed. I've too much to do yet. But perhaps Branscombe had felt thus,

tale of a bully and a brave young gentle-

man meeting in unequal and fatal conflict. Naw and here, in his own extremity,

McTaggert could not put Branscombe out of his mind, nor elude the mental picture

of the effeminate Dillingham as he recited

with morbid detail the story of that other

He recalled that Branscombe had been baited in much the same way as himself. A light word of his had been insolently taken up by an insignificant person with a heavy moustache, words had rapidly passed, while a swift silence fell on the bystanders, and a moment later he learned that he must, next morning, meet Capt. Considine, the most notorious duellist in Ireland, who had the death of sixteen gentlemen to his infamous credit, no doubt all of them singled out and baited like himself-and among them

"Gentlemen," said one of the seconds, coming forward, "you will kindly step to

McTaggert moved to the point indicated. Considine was already in position.

"Is everything in readiness?" asked the master of ceremonies.

After a suitable pause he resumed: We have agreed that one pistol shall be Three, both shall be free to fire, or to Lieutenant, will you present the pistols to Mr. McTaggert."

The lieutenant stepped forward with the two pistols lying across the palms of this action. his hands, and McTaggert promptly took one. The other was carried to Capt. between

"Gentlemen, are you ready?" asked the

"Quite," said Considine.
"Branscombe," said McTaggert in precisely the same tone as if he, too, had said "Quite." His adversary give him a search-ing glance, and the master of ceremonies paused as if about to enquire the meaning instead, raised his hand and spoke :

The duellists faced at a distance of fifcen paces, heads back, shoulders squared, pistols at arm's length.

Silence most profound. Both men had reserved fire. For fully a minute there was not a sound, the antagonists gazing as if fascinated into each other's faces.

"Hold out your left hand," said Considine at last in a tense voice. "Hold it out at arm's length."

McTaggert seemed not to hear. "Hold out your left hand," repeated Considine. "At arm's length."

The seconds knew that the duellist, for some reason, had decided not to kill, but to mark McTaggert with a crippled left

McTaggert seemed to catch the idea, too, for promptly now out went his left arm to full length.

With quick aim Considine shot at the

McTaggert's gaze had not swerved from

rour feet high and about forty feet wide, getting a depth of six or seven feet of fixedness along the barrel of his pistol—not a weapon to doubt, but now known to various submarine entrances was completed, and they were laying in a supply of birch limbs, which they anchored at the bottom of the pond out of reach of the ice. On the bark youth who held a shot at the grimmest honor, and all eyes were on the beardless youth who held a shot at the grimmest

duellist of his day.
"Hold out your right hand," said Mc-Taggert in precisely the tone Considine had used.

The duellist promptly raised his left

arm and neld it at full length.
"Your right hand," repeated McTaggert. "Your right hand, and at arm's length." It was with a black scowl that Considine drew in his left arm and extended his

precious pistol hand for a target, yet he quickly affected a smile and stood erect, expectant. The smile fled, however, before a sudden

terror, and the arm swung in defensively as the pistol cracked, and he pitched forward on his face.

When the seconds turned him over they

saw a small puncture in his forehead, fair between the eyes.
"Branscombe," said McTaggert, throw

ng his pistol some distance away.

"He shot at your hand," said Considine's second excitedly, "and you should have shot at his, as you made pretense of doing."

"Should I, indeed? Ah! I am not versed in the niceties of this business. It is not my occupation, you see. It is my very first duel. If I have transgressed the code in any way I am full of apologies."

The others looked upon him with knit

Then McTaggert, bowing to each in turn, moved over to where his horse stood, mounted and rode off. The others followed him with their gaze until he disappeared at a turn in the road

He-Do you really believe ignorance is bliss? She-I don't know. You seem to

be happy.—Exchange. Little five-year old Flossie had observed that fish was always served for dinner each Friday at her home in the city, out she had missed it during a two weeks' sojourn in the country. "Grandma," she queried, "don't you ever have Fridays in the country?" "Of course we do," was the reply; "but why do you ask?" "Cause," answered Flossie, "they don't smell like the Fridays we have in town." Pittsburg Bulletin.

A Story of a Small Toronto Boy.

ITTLE Dan was sick, very sick, and in bed. Dan had typhoid fever. Every day the doctor shook his head and his mother cried. Every morning and night his father, Big Dan, came in and

any chestnuts? That's what troubled him, not typhoid fever. Little Dan was nine years and three months old. Show me the small boy who

In saving up chestnuts a boy uncon-sciously gives the strongest support to the theory that men are derived from monkeys. He doesn't need those horse-

fully. They-his mother and the doctor and the rest-thought it was the fever

Little Dan, weakened by sickness, did what in health he scorned and despised. He broke down and sobbed as does a little girl who falls and hurts her knee when

hody. "Is it so very bad?"

And she tried to comfort him in her

mother's way, which weakened Dan still

sobbed he. "All what?"

" All the chestnuts." "He's delirious," said his mother.

Dan Murray—Big Dan Murray—had one advantage over his wife: he had been a

#### the hoy's bed after supper that night. The spare little frame looked even thinner than in the morning. Little Dan's worry was fighting hand in hand with the fever.

"Well, Dan," said his father, "so you've been feeling poorly to-day, eh?" Little Dan tried to bury his fever-flushed face in the pillow. It was of his crying like a baby his father was thinking. The father looked at the thin little figure among the restless quilts in silence a moment.

"Look here, Dan," he said at last, and his voice was firm though his eyes were moist, "I'm going to make a bargain with

Little Dan stopped kicking and

turned his eyes on his father.
"You know if you don't lie quiet you'll be sick all the longer, don't you?"

Dan blinked, but said nothing.

"Well, if you promise me," continued his father, "to lie in bed like a wooden man all day and go to sleep whenever you've got nothing else to do, why, I'll see that you get as many chestnuts as Billy

Young or anybody else."
"And will you bring them up here where I can see them?" asked Dan eagerly.
"Yes," said his father. "I'll bring 'em right up here and pile 'em on the bed.'
"On the bed?"

"Yes, right on the bed."
"Yes, right on the bed."
"It's ago then," said Little Dan, and to make good his word he turned over immediately and shut his eyes.

"Well," said Mrs. Murray.

"He's gone to sleep," said Dan.
"That's the first time to-day, then," said his wife.

"Was the doctor here this afternoon?" asked Dan.

" Yes."

"What did he say?"
"We must keep him quiet, he says, or he won't have enough strength to fight the fever."

Dan walked over to the kitchen stove and mechanically settled a lid in its place.
"It'll be a terror if we lose him too," he said at last.

His wife went on washing dishes in

"Was he wandering when you were up?" she asked presently.

"No," said Dan; "he was as sensible Mrs. Murray emptied the water out of the dishpan and hung it up. Then she

wiped the edge of the sink. I guess I'll go up and sit by him for a while," she said. "Mrs. Anderson was over this morning and I got a good rest." Big Dan was filling his pipe over by the

stove. "Call me an hour earlier in the morn-

ing, will you?" said he.
" Why?" "I'm goin' to start an' save up chest-nuts again," said Dan.

There was a pile of horse-chestnuts on the quilt of Little Dan's bed, brown and shiny. Little Dan himself was fast asleep. The doctor was there and his father and mother.

"Yes, he'll pull through now," said the

"We lost two before," said his wife, one when he was just a baby, and one

"It must take an awful lot of study to be a doctor," said he. "You're right there," said the doctor,

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#### Heard on Broadway.

Lovely Woman-Dear me, I believe I've lost my address-book. Man About Town (overhearing)-Thank

Heard at the Horse Show.

the stars it's not mine!

High Flyer (disdainfully)-New York is ver-run with Jews! Money-lending Israelite (with a chuckle) No one has more reason to know it.

Justice (to negro prisoner)-You are harged with stealing chickens. Do you want a lawyer ! Prisoner-No, your honor. Justice-Why not ! Prisoner-If it pleases the co't, I'd like, if yer honor pleases, ter keep dem chickens myself, after babbin de trouble er gettin' 'em.

### LITTLE DAN.

By S. H.

Senter contract contr asked him questions in a voice that didn't sound like his father's at all. Dan thought that typhoid fever must hurt a person's father and mother more than the sick person himself. It was not the fever that troubled Little Dan. He had a grief that lay deeper. He could not go out, and if he could not go out how was he to get

doesn't save up horse-chestnuts every fall!

chestnuts. But apparently he obeys an old instinct. When he grows up he shuns instinct. Little Dan was turning on the bed fret-

They couldn't understand that a man can have more to keep him feverish than fevers. Little Dan kicked viciously. It was enough to make a fellow cry. 'Just when they were ripe and falling from the trees to go and get sick! He could restrain himself no longer.

coming home from school.
"Poor little boy," said his mother, re placing the quilts over the tossing little

"Billy Young's gang will get 'em all,"

boy. He went up and sat on the edge of

### The Truth at Last



HE historic occasion on which Boston Harbor was converted into an impromptu teapot, is, of course, not likely to find its counterpart in so trumpery a question as musical examinations. The Dominion is not going to cut the painter and add stars and stripes to the United States flag, even if some well-meaning persons may have committed an act of folly which sensible Englishmen will at once disclaim. But it is, nevertheless, rare indeed that British interference with matters purely Colonial has caused greater apparent such a lot of the by."

"It would have been hard to have lose him," said Big Dan. "You see we thought such a lot of the by." indignation on the other side of the Atlantic, at any rate among musicians, than the endeavor by the Associated Board and Trinity College, London, to

import London musical degrees and diplomas into means confined to the Canadian professional musicians, "Well, I don't mind telling you," said been full of strongly-worded letters from all classes, public meetings to protest against this alleged interference with the Colonies have been held, some very candid language has been used, and associations have been formed in Toronto, Montreal, and elsewhere to put a stop to what is very plainly, and perhaps not altogether.

described as British musical impudence.

Indeed, while giving these two institutions every credit for the best possible intentions, British sympathies, if the facts are correctly stated across the Atlantic, will certainly lie a very great deal with our Canadian friends. When Trinity College, Toronto, attempted to foist in absentia musical degrees upon this country, the protests of British musicians, headed by the University officials, were loud and drawing on his gloves. protests of British musicians, headed by the University officials, were loud and strong. Nobody took a more prominent part in the agitation against the importation of these Canadian degrees than the musical chiefs of the Associated Board and of Trinity College, London. For these institutions, therefore, to attempt, without proper consultation with the colonial musicians, to introduce their examinations for the purpose of disseminating in absentia British degrees and diplomas through Canada, is something very much akin to that which has been descharmed the Canadian artists. Here are are not keen enough. One of our dogs awam across a lake after a buck and was never seen afterwards. Another old campaigner was not so industrious. He had a habit of disappearing every morning to the year, but they are rarely seen now against shooting these animats, we have agreed that one pixtol shall seems to disappearing the purpose of disseminating in absentia British degrees and seems but their hides are not of much value at this time of the year. Wolves can also daded, the other empty; Mr. McTaggert shall have first choice; Capt. Considing these animats, we have agreed that one pixtol shall of the pixtol station of the purpose of disseminating in absentia British degrees and subtraction of the year, but their hides are not of much value at the considing three animats, we have agreed that one pixtol shall of the year, but their hides are not of much value at their hides are not of much value at the considing three animats, we have agreed that one pixtol shall be were dispersion to the Christmas seems diplomas through Canada, is something very much akin to the pixtol shall have first choice; Capt. Considing the constant of the year, we have agreed that one pixtol shall be were dispersion. The purpose of disseminating in absentia British degrees and support the purpose of disseminating in absentia British degrees and support the purpose of disseminating in absentia British degrees and support the purpose of disseminating in absentia British degrees and support the purpose of disseminating in absentia British degrees and support the purpose of disseminating in absentia British degrees and support the purpose of disseminating in absentia British degrees and support the purpose of disseminations for the

says A very decided impression has been made throughout Canada through the elaborate scale of charges for examinations, certificates, etc., from the lowest to the teacher's diploma with appendages, that the scheme partakes more of a financial than a musical nature, and as such seems to desire to reap where those whom the officials represent have not sown, and this in a manner which savors of contempt for Canadian musicians and their work. A natural feeling of resentment now exists against this cetter.

This gentleman adds that he has written many letters in favor of the connection

our Canadian College of Organists, and the English examinations, and there was no stronger advocate of an arrangement being made than I was, based upon the assumption that musicians whose names are honored in this and every other country, such as Sir John Stainer, Sir Alexander Mackenzie, Sir Frederick Bridge, Sir Arthur Sullivan, and other eminent musicians, would not countenance any examination scheme which had not as its first principle the raising of the standard of musical education first and forement.

But, says this gentleman, the mischief is that since the scheme has been introduced into Canada it has not only produced a feeling of opposition to British examinations, but has prejudiced the great majority of Canadian musicians against this and similar of this, to him, unintelligible word, but schemes. A mass meeting of Canadian musicians was held in Karn Hail, Montreal, in September, and another meeting on the 8th ult., when a committee was appointed to coalesce with the musicians of Toronto to keep the British exported examinations out of Canada. Some very plain language was used in the debate. Mr. Fortier protested in strong terms against the introduction of the scheme of the Associated Board, which he contended (some of us may think rather unfairly) was "absurd, ridiculous and inartistic," more especially in regard to the teachers' diplomas, which he stated were 'complete nonsense." Mr. Konigsberg was equally emphatic, asserting that these examinations" were not for the benefit of the Canadian teacher, but for the Anancial benefit of the Associated Board." Mr. Bohrer declared such examinations were detrimental to the musical progress of Canada, and a resolution was unanimously

> That the proposed examinations of the Associated Board are unnecessary, that the standard is below what may reasonably be expected in Canada, and that the musicians now assembled enter a protest against their intrusion into Canada. No doubt in this resolution there is some hardly avoidable exaggeration. But the

fact seems pretty plain that the scheme is ill-advised, and against the wishes of the Canadians. Nothing, I imagine, therefore, remains but to withdraw it as gracefully as possible, and the sooner this step is taken the better I should fancy it would be for the dignity of the English institutions. We have no more right to foist our examinations for in absentia degrees and diplomas upon Canada than they have to export their own Trinity College (Foronto) degrees to this country. At any rate it is certain that Canada does not want British degrees and diplomas, and it seems a very absurd thing that the affair should have been promulgated before the ground had been surveyed and some assurance had been received that the scheme was wanted and was likely to be successful. In the case of the Associated Board the mischief is outstretched palm. But his was the the greater, inasmuch as the name of the Prince of Wales stands officially at the head of the enterprise. Our colonial friends, however, doubtless recognize the fact that royalty knows nothing about the business, and that the Prince of Wales and the the eyes of his adversary, and now he slowly lowered his left arm to his side where they are not wanted.

### BRITISH MUSICAL DEGREES IN CANADA.

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South Texas is a negro doctor who enjoys more or less extensive practice among the colored population, which comprises majority of the citizenship. A white phy sician accosted him on the road the other day, saying: "Well, Dr. Sam, where have you been?" "Been to see Bill Johnsing, sah. He was wraslin' wid Mose Jones an bus' a blood-wessel." "Indeed, that's serious. What did you prescribe?" "Oh! I done fix him all right, wid alum and gum arabic. Alum to draw the pahis to-geddah and de gum to stick 'em." It may be interesting to add that the victim

A fresh arrival from the "Green Isle" had taken his place behind the bar in the "Sweet Ireland" saloon. Grogan, the proprietor, was playing a game of "freeze ut" with a friend in the back room, Tony "O'Farrity, a ne'er-do-well and a never-a-pay, saw his chance, and walking boldly to the bar, by some lucky chance got an introduction to the new "bar tend," and calling for a drink, got it and walked out without so much as a "Thank you." The following laconic conversation then took place in a rapid staccato way between the new tender and the proprietor "Mister Grogan!" yelled the "bar." Yis," answered the proprietor. Tony O'Farrity guid for a drink?" "Did he get it?" "He did." "He is!"

Charles Lever, the novelist, was once the guest of Dr. Whately, the Archbishop of Dublin, at his country seat. Among the other guests were some of the expectant clergy, who paid submissive court to their host. While the archbishop and his guests were walking through the grounds the prelate plucked from a bush a leaf which, he declared, had a most nauseous flavor. "Taste it," said he, handing the leaf to one of the clergy. The latter smilingly obeyed, and then, with a wry face, subscribed to the botanical orthodoxy of the archbishop. "Taste it, you, Lever," said the gratified prelate, handing the leaf to the novelist. "No, thank you," said Lever, laughing; " my brother is not in your grace's diocese."

A good old Scotch farmer had a scolding wife. She was noted all up and down the shire for her sharp tongue, and her husband, best of all, was prepared to judge for this. One day she died, to all appear ances. Preparations were made for the funeral, and, indeed, it had progressed so far as the carrying out of the coffin, when, in the narrow passage the well-meaning but awkward pall-bearers jostled against it, and it was hit smartly upon the casing of the door. The next minute the ing and only partly-departed wife had come to life and sat up in her cerements. What she said is not recorded, but a few years after that she died again, and this time they were fairly sure that they were dealing with the real thing. But when they bore her down the hall again the bereaved husband called out in a shrill and anxious treble: "Ca canny! Ca canny! (Go carefully.) It was there that she cam' 'roun' last time !

At the Heart of the City.

A Glimpse of the Horse Show. NEW YORK, Nov. 21.

WANT a quiet place!" said the fat lady on the train as gathered up her bundles, looked icily at the porter, like a blood-thirsty Mahdi who announces 'No quarter!" and let herself down the steps into Forty-second street station. And I," said the woman who writes, want a noisy place. Not a by-street, down which sudden avalanches of noise rumble and rattle, as a milk van or a lorry rushes by. Not a back parlor, where one ees only the felines and the discouragedooking trellis vines; not a shut-in, breathless hall bedroom, where every smell comes in till one knows just when the first floor front singes her bangs, or the second floor back takes a snack of gin. Not a sky parlor, to which one climbs with weary feet, aching back and profane tongue. No. A noisy, high-up, outlooking room, just at the heart of the great city, where the pulsing of life never ceases; where the big voice of the restless great human hive, and the animals it drives, and the wheels of the chariots and the din of the trolly gongs, blend all together in a song of the city, the triumphant song that says, 'Here we must keep moving.' And a rapid elevator, with a squad of uniformed coons cutting up monkey shines at the entrance door, while they look at you with saintly eyes, and meekly folded hands, and in a day or two size you up for what you are and weary till you go away, having feed them liberally." Out of the high-up windows one look $_{\rm S}$ 

at the heart of New York, counts its pulses, knows what time it is by looking down on the Square and noticing the human atoms as they go. Eight o'clock, and they hurry for the life of them; these have time-books to sign and must pass in between the great glass doors of the great shops before the quarter chimes. Nine o'clock, and fawn overcoats and men with protuberant vests and a few women with bargain day faces go more slowly across the great square. Ten o'clock, and the nurses and the babies begin to circle lowly about the fountain, and here and there a policeman lingers, for he loves a bright maid's smile. Eleven o'clock, and stout, pursy-faced women step leisurely along, bound for some dressmaking shop, or matching lace, or ribbons, and a great rolling of spanking carriages and pairs add to the well-to-do look of the square and the young girls, the glorious modern golf girls, so tall, and light of foot, and marvelous of color, pass quickly by. Blue blood pulses at the heart of the city, for it is now high noon. And so on all the day long, each hour has its crowd, but the morning hours have the marks more distinctly. And there are always those piteous, pathetic persons who sit on the benches for hours, who have nothing to do, nothing to eat, little to wear, and nowhere to go, so they sit on the benches and from the high-up window the sight of

them gives me a twist of the heart. At into a brilliant box. He is greeted with a the heart of the city it is an hour's fun to thorus of nasal voices. "Why, Mister watch the people trying to cross the street. Dozens of them would cross the Styx instead, were it not for the ponderous out to seen Poe. He is the whole policeman who shoves them back, while a game! Say, what's this show like, any cable car comes upon them, or waves them way?" "Oh, bores you clean to death!" forward, while his fat hand, uplifted, Around the barrier people are packed three deep, the taller ones usually nearest the ring. They are judging the tandems causes the most prancing nags of the four hundred to pause and consider. To watch a crossing at the heart of the city, one might imagine the whole concourse to be and judicious application of an inexorable bent on swift and grimy suicide, and one worships afar off the providential police- all here!) we shall soon find ourselves worships afar off the providential policeman. But it is at night that the high-up window at the heart of the city tells one staring between two red-painted boards, close to the waiting tandems. Open clangs secrets, if one knows how to listen. Out the white iron gate. A pretty pair go in the foggy heavens gleam words and away. "Got the gate," remarks a man. legends; five million copies of one news-"Beauties, but out-classed." Again the paper sold a week proclaim their being, and judges nod towards the gate, and more confess the taste of five million readers go out into the outer darkness, while a faint sigh of surprise wafts about. Presently the crowd cheer wildly, the blue for their mental sustenance to be hot and strong. Up in the air on the other sky glows the legend of the Horse Show. It ribbons flutter from the leader of a peris for most of the people a legend only, fect pair, and before one can breathe, the the present fact being a dress show, a curiosity show, a money show; a show of prize horses, having more glory than they can stand, run amuck, lie down, kick like hard faces and vulgar stares; a show of demons, the leader's heels fly up and down cynical men and weary women; a with the regularity and force of an army mule's. He is surrounded by grooms, show of such mixed materials that the young wife of the millionaire untraced, led, shoved, huddled out of the elbows on the promenade with ring, followed by the wheeler driven the frowsy frau of the father of sixteen demurely. The red ribbonites, not to be olive branches nourished on Bowery lager outdone, start on the same career. After beer. There are girls whom no man should shouts of laughter from the mob, several dare to look at as some men do look, and cuss words from the driver and many women who have forgotten the meaning of the word to dare, and, like Alexangymnastics by the grooms, this giddy leader leaves the ring exactly as his predecessor did. I don't suppose prize der, have no more to conquer, every inch horses ever cut up funnier shines. It looked as if they said, "We've got the and every breath and every nerve a slave. There are reporters, conjuring up sensations for their columns, and women ribbons; let's just have a bit of fun ourcoquetting, bridling and posing to be written up by them. There is the great LADY GAY.

circling mass of humanity, good and bad

her box by a couple of perspiring ushers

the promenaders, deafened by the noise,

stables below; dazed by their ceaseless

march : ever rubber-necking, staring, com-

wreck of a face in a juvenile hat, men-

not often handsome; they are any other

you know that's young - ? Those are

his people, in mourning there." The beauti-

ful faces of the people in mourning bend over their catalogues as the drunken boy,

six feet high if he's an inch, and a hand-

by. A little woman in a tailor suit flashes past. She is excited. "A protest will

go, I tell you!" she says to her escort.
"Betcher life," he answers phlegmatic-

ally. "Let's get out of here and have a drink to cool off!" A tall man swarms

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Books and Shop Talk.

smart and frowsy, rich and poor, clean and grimy; the hoarse-voiced sport, the HE Gospel of Matthew in Broad tin-toned society leader, the ethereal girl, and the woman who has to be hofsted into Scotch, rendered by Rev. William Wye Smith, has just come from the presses of Imrie, There is the band in its sky gallery, and choked by the odor from each exit to the outsiders may not quite see the necessity for it. The Bible in Gaelic serves a necesmenting, listening to the greetings of the sity, but the Bible in dialect seems to be a boxes to one another, laughing at some tioning the price of a diamond-studded lorgnette chain, loudly proclaiming the point all is clear enough. This presumes identity of some notorious woman or unusually handsome man. The men are that the speaking of a dialect is an accom plishment, not a defect. The Frenchman. the German, the Celt, even the Chinaman who learns English-who speaks it and Here and there a high-bred face looks reads it-goes through the same processes impassively at the horses in the ring. in acquiring the language. To each the The high-bred face flinches a little as two written and spoken language is really the written and spoken ranguage is rearly the she? Thought she was a wax figure.
Wonder if she moves!" A laugh from a half-intoxicated boy, who is being dragged aloud each will throw into the reading of around the promenade by an eagle-faced it his own accent, something of his own friend, greets this sally. "What a shame language. It might be argued that Engto show him off!" sighs a woman. "Don't lish is English and the failure to speak it as it should be spoken is a defect. To follow a dialect or a brogue, to print in pigeon-English is not necessary to those who have an accent or a brogue, or whose English is clipped, for they are not often some head of curls on him, staggers wildly conscious of their singularities of speech. The printed word "home" is rendered "hame" by one, "'ome" by another, and "hum" by a third. Can we convey more to any one of the three by spelling the word to suit the sound he now perhaps unconsciously gives it?

> The Red Axe, by S. R. Crockett, is a story of more or less probable adventure in the days of the German robber-dukes of three centuries ago. The hero is the son of the hereditary executioner of Wolfsberg, and he has no ambition to succeed his father. The heroine is a girl who is saved from the block when a child, at the intercession of the executioner's boy son. She is brought up in the Red Tower, with the Gottfrieds, father and son, until at eighteen she becomes the maid of honor to the princess in a neighboring petty principality. Hugo Gottfried becomes the head military man in the same prince dom. The princess falls in love with him, and her husband, seeing the state of the case, enters into the strangest compact ever met with in fiction or anywhere else. He bargains that Hugo, forswearing his own love, shall flirt with the Princess and keep her amused. This Hugo, against his will, consents to do, but finally, Helene, the maid of honor, conquers his obedience to the Prince, and he breaks with the Princess. She works up a most exciting revenge in which Hugo is after all to wield his father's axe, and which only fails at her own relenting. The book is interesting, and, in sections, artistic. But it doesn't hang together as a whole. Several

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with Napoleon, at the Tuileries, when that despot railed at England for not having evacuated Egypt and Malta, accused her of having violated treaties, and ended by flourishing a cane dangerously near the face of the English ambassador.

Lord Whitworth put his hand on the hilt of his sword.

"What would you have done, if the emperor had struck you?" he was afterward asked. "I would have felled him to the ground,"

was the quiet answer. Perhaps the best story told of him is one showing how his quick wit disposed of a rival. When he was at the Russian Court, Fox sent there, as a sort of ambas

son of a surgeon. One day the empress, speaking French, said to Lord Whitworth

sador of his own, a man named Adair, the

"Is he a very important man, this Monsieur Adair?" "Not so very, madame," replied Lord Whitworth, "although his father was a

grand saigneur"—a remark which readers of French will recognize as a very good pun, for the word as used by Lord Whit-worth means "blood-letter," while by its sound it also meant a great lord.

He Will Win Yet.

Two young people of Cleveland, Ohio met at a social gathering. The only pecu-liarity about this meeting lay in the fact that several months before, in a fit of anger, the father of the young woman Graham & Co., Toronto. The had forbidden the youth to enter his (the other books of the New Testament are to father's) house. The immediate cause of follow, we understand. This work will the prohibition is no part of this story. no doubt appeal to Scots everywhere, but The youth and the young woman were chatting most amicably, when suddenly an ornamental lamp standing close a hand was accidentally overturned. It fell work that will do more for the dialect directly towards the young woman, the than for the Bible. Viewed from this burning oil was spilled on her gown, and in a moment she was ablaze. She shrieked and turned to run. The young man had a clear head, and he whipped off his coat, wrapped it about the girl, beat down the flames and quickly extinguished the last spark. A few days after this he received woman:

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Yours truly,

John Blank.

The young man looked the letter over, and stared hard at the cheque. Then he wrote his acknowledgment as follows: JOHN BLANK—Sir: Yours of the 16th inst., inclosing personal cheque for \$45, is at hand. I return the cheque herewith. Permit me to assure you that "the affair of Tuesday evening" was not a fire sale.
Yours truly, George Dash.

And up to the present writing the incident remains closed.

"I had a narrow escape in my house the other night." "How so? "My wife shot at some burglars."-Life. "You say he died from a single blow

administered by himselff" "Yes; he blew out the gas!"--Puck. "Why do you say he's a good match for that grass widow?" "Because he's a rake."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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FTER having witnessed the conjuring with light by Prof. Chant at St. Margaret's College we are quite free to confess that our past knowledge of color, and the effects of colors on each

other, has not been all we fondly believed it to be. Any confession of lack of all information from a newspaper should be regarded as a certificate of moral character-a test of sincerity. After this the artist who paints water of depths of purple which would produce ecstasy in the bosom of any "culled" lady and who tells us it is blue, shall be listened to with reverence. Perhaps it is blue. Who knows? When a householder-an artist it may be-leads us over the rich green grass of his lawn, athwart which fall shafts of golden light, and tells us every ray of what we imagined to be golden light is red—well, perhaps it is red. If ever in any rash moment we have hinted that an impressionist has been punning in color, or that we had been almost led to believe that black was black under any circumstance, we take it all back. We know now that black is blue, and green, and purple, and other colors. We are quite reconciled now to have Notre Dame (Paris), sombre, gray, majestic as it seems, painted in flippant yellow and purple. We have resented this somewhat in the past. If the impressionist is travel-ing towards light and trying to tell us its methods in color, we wish him every success. He has a large field before him. A certain reward awaits him. What happened to the professor's mental light, however, when he apologized for being "academic" in an institution which is conspicuously academic, and before the cultured audience which greeted him at St. Margaret's?

It is some time now since Mrs. Dignam has gathered together such a collection of her work as is now to be seen in her studio. Her appreciation of and sympathy with Dutch art has always been marked. During her somewhat recent tour in Holland she secured many typical scenes of Dutch life, and has been able to represent some of its most pleasing phases in its normal envelopment of Dutch atmosphere. The peaceful, gloaming hour when the shepherd guides his sheep home; the sand dunes with their rich purple heather; the marshy lagoons; the ever-going, everreturning fishing-boats, squat and substantial; the primitive, cleanly interiors, with their quiet scenes of domestic life, and their attractive, artistic possibilities; the cathedrals, stately and sedate; the numerous windmills; the old low houses with their red-tiled roofs - all supply material enough to satisfy any artistic mind. Lingering in the midst of these scenes in Mrs. Dignam's studio, one feels positively subdued and gray with a de-lightful low-toned melody of the har-

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The annual sketch exhibition of the W.A.A. opens on Monday, November 28, with a private view to members and friends, after which it will continue open at the usual fee for a week. This is an interesting exhibition of the result of some of the summer's work of the mem-

Many of the artists have agreed to open their studios to all interested in art, on the first Saturday of each month. This action can only be regarded as one of great courtesy on the part of the artist who gives his time, his strength-for receiving calls is sometimes only equaled in its exhaustive demands by visiting of the sickand opens to view his treasures into which he has slowly imparted both brains and heart. The custom ought to be an educative force in the life of the people. We trust they will see it in that light and avail themselves of its opportunities.

Miss McConnell and Miss Irvine intend having a formal opening of their new studio on the first Saturday in December.

The Sketch Club of the W.A.A. spent a profitable evening this week at Mrs. Kerr's, 42 Charles street. Among the guests was Miss Ermatinger, president of the W. A. A. of St. Thomas. The club meets this week at Miss Flett's, 29 Isabella street.

Miss Hendershott's exhibit of decorated china was so very well attended has the purposes keeping it open for accession, was notably entertained accession. china was so very well attended last week cups and saucers, etc. Among the best are some pieces in Copenhagen blue, that refreshing color so popular just now, treated in an altogether novel way, some with Cupids very artistically executed. We recommend all who can to pay a visit to her studio.

Donald McNab, a former Toronto boy, graduate of the Ontario School of Art, is at present in the city. He has just com-pleted a very successful portrait of his ister, Miss Jessie. The portrait is a very pleasing one with delicate golden tints in the background, its truthful flesh tints and agreeable posture. It is in shadow altogether except for a wave of light falling on the back of the neck and shoulders. Mrs. McNab receives at 26 Alexander street every Wednesday afternoon.

W. F. Atkinson, O.S.A., who has just returned from an extended trip abroad, is settled in a most commodious studio in Equity Chambers. We understand he intends exhibiting soon some of the results ancy a year or two ago, and married, of his study abroad. We predict a treat for all interested in painting.

an artistic one.

A committee consisting of G. A. Reid, the late Lord Iddesleigh. W. Revell, F. S. Challener, and G. Hahn, was appointed to meet and confer with the news; the second, to deny it.—Life.

monies of Dutch life. Mrs. Dignam the Ladies' League of School Art at the receives every Saturday afternoon in her close of their conference on Saturday, studio, 275 St. George street.

Another index of a good time coming in art life in this disorganized town.

> The Ladies' League of School Art are holding a conference and an At Home to-day in Rosedale school. The object of the gathering is to bring to the notice of many leading educationalists and prominent citizens, the fact that the work of decorating the Public schools is fairly inaugurated here, and to claim the sympathy and support of all such, as well as to obtain the views of those qualified to speak on the subject, both from the educational and purely artistic standpoint. The Minister of Education will occupy the chair, and addresses will be delivered by Prof. Mavor, B. E. Walker, J. L. Hughes and R. Y. Ellis. After the conference the guests will be invited to view the pictures already purchased. We trust the fact that to produce any intelligent, artistic effect, it was necessary to cover the walls with material to hide the present patchwork effect of black and terra cotta, will not be lost on the School Board.

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The Royal Guests of Lord Mount Stephen.



Duchess of York are now about to visit as the Society) the property of

cluding many vases, jardinieres, trays, Lord Melbourne's great-grandfather was an eminent conveyancer, who, de more legali, made a large fortune. He left two sons, one of whom for the last five years of his life found himselt Bishop of Peter-borough; the other, Matthew Lamb, settled down at Brocket, the ancient residence of a family of that name, and was created a baronet in 1755. His son and grandson were both raised to the Peerage the one to the Irish Viscounty of Melbourne; the other, who was some time Ambassador at Vienna, to the U. K. Barony of Beauvale. The latter's sister Amelia, who inherited Brocket on the extinction of the family titles in 1853, was the grandmother of the present Lord Cowper. Lady Cowper's second husband, Lord Palmerston, died at Brocket Hall, October 18, 1865, during his second term of office as Prime Minister.

During the last thirty-three years Brocket Hall has more than once been 'To let." Sir George Stephen-Lord secondly, a few weeks after the lamented death of the late Duchess of Teck, Miss The Ontario Society of Artists at its G. M. Tufnell, the daughter of an officer in the Navy, who had been one of the two last meeting decided to put forth special ladies-in-waiting to Her Royal Highness. efforts to make its annual exhibition, Lord Mount Stephen is a Scotchman, from every way to any previous one. The walls amassed an enormous fortune, £125,000 of are to be furnished with suitable drapery and the floors treated with color more Victoria Hospital at Montreal in comthan soap and water. The exhibition is to memoration of Her Majesty's first Jubilee. be held the first week in March. All Prior to this he had been created a these are steps in the right direction. We Baronet in 1886, and he was raised to the hope as much of the shoppy effect will be destroyed as is possible under the circumsisty-nine on June 5, has no family, but stances, and that this display of art will be his adopted daughter, Alice, is the wife of Hon. Sir H. S. Northcote, second son of

#### Absent-Mindedness.

BSENT-MINDEDNESS seems to be a common failing among great men. An amusing story is told of the late Louis Pasteur, who so distinguished himself by his discoveries in regard to bacteria. While dining at his son-in-law's one evening, it

was noticed that he dipped his cherries in his glass of water and then carefully wiped them before eating them. As this caused some amusement, he held forth at length on the dangers of the microbes with which the cherries were covered. Then he leaned back in his chair, wiped his forehead, and, unconsciously picking up his glass, drank off the contents, microbes and all.

A friend calling upon Peter Burrowes a celebrated Irish barrister, one morning in his dressing-room, found him shaving asked him why he chose so strange an attitude. The answer was, "To look in the glass." "Why, there is no glass there," said the friend. "Bless me!" exclaimed Burrowes, "I did not notice that before." Then, ringing the bell, he called the servant and questioned him respecting the looking-glass which had been hanging on the wall.

ROCKET Hall, near Hat-field, which the Duke and minded man. A friend of his had been seriously ill. When he was convalescent guests of Lord Mount Stephen, is (says Modern other delicacies. One day he took him other delicacies. a fine bunch of hothouse grapes. The old friends were very pleased to see each other, and were soon deep in a discussion. The professor, becoming interested, began absentmindedly picking the grapes, taking one at a time till they were all gone. On going out of the door he called back to his friend, "Now, mind you eat those grapes; they will do you all the good in the world." A well known archbishop was also noted for his absentmindedness. Dining at home one evening, he found fault with the flavor of the soup. Next evening he dined out at a large dinner party. Forgetting for the moment that he

> This soup is, my dear, again a failure.' HAMILTON CASE.

was not in his own house, but a guest, he

observed across the table to his wife.

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> Progressive Women. Westminster Gazette.

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lished the details of the examinations recently "inaugurated" in Canada by that enterprising concern. I am not in a position, therefore, to state the number of candidates who presented themselves for examination, nor do I know the number that "passed." There seems to have been a sufficient number, however, to enable the Board's representatives to strike an average, for in a letter to a local daily, an employee of the Board states that "twelve per cent. passed." As this would mean one in eight, there must have been at least the latter number of candidates divided between Halifax, Quebec, Montreal, Kingston and Toronto, and the country be-tween these points. The funniest feature, however, of the Board's ludicrous campaign in Canada thus far, is the claim of its two employees, Mr. Grinsted and Mr. Williams (the examiner), that the "twelve per cent." average proves conclusively that the syllabus of the Associated Board is not too trivial for this country. In view of the fact that the best musical interests of the Dominion are almost unanimously opposed to the examinations of this outside concern, it is a matter of surprise that even twelve per cent. of the class remaining who took a plunge at the examinations should have pulled through.
If any further proof were needed of the kindergarten character of these "artistic" tests, including the C. T. A. B. twenty five-dollar teacher's title, it would seem to have been furnished by the fact that under the circumstances so large a per centage of those who paid fees actually captured certificates. Another comical feature of the Board's experience in Canada is the considerable correspondence which Mr. Grinsted, who is located in Montreal, has been carrying on with Toronto applicants for the Board's syllabus, etc., that gentleman taking very seriously every request for information received from this city. The C. T. A. B. requirements, and the syllabus generally, have been regarded here in the light of a huge joke, hence the local demand for samples of the Board's printed matter. Perhaps the most amusing paragraph in the C. T. A. B. syllabus, and one which Dr. Charles Vincent in his letter to the official journal of the Incorporated Society of Musicians (which I reproduced last week), omitted to mention, is that the "candidate is not expected to give attention to faults of style or lack of expression" in a viva voce examination to test his intelligence as a teacher in detecting inaccuracies, etc., in the playing of others. It might be added that the prediction which was made by SATURDAY NIGHT, at an early stage in the discussion regarding the Associated Board's Canadian speculation, has been amply verified in recent developments. The number of candidates has been ridiculously small; the seriously inclined music student has held aloof from the whole affair, and the reception given the antiquated syllabus of the Board by the intelligent portion of the community proves, if such proof were required, that musical education in this country is proceeding, and will continue to progress along lines entirely different from those arbitrarily outlined by the Board as suitable for this progressive community.

In last week's issue of SATURDAY NIGHT attention was drawn to the fact that the Canadian local examinations in music of the Associated Board of the R. A. M. and R. C. M. had at last been "inaugurated." Mr. Grinsted, an employee of the Board, has since addressed a letter to a Toronto daily in which he affirms that the aforesaid examinations are now "over." The country may therefore again breathe freely and the ordinary routine of life be resumed. Mr. Grinsted, in the letter referred to, pays some attention to the syllabus of a Toronto music school, and with characteristic unfairness falls considerably short of "half the truth," tactics which a Hamilton champion of the Associated Board in a labored defence of that institution, recently and elegantly de-scribed as being the "blackest of lies." The letter of the Associated Board's employee is unique in one particular as compared with previous effusions of the representatives and defenders of the Board's Canadian "philanthropy" dodge. He makes no reference to Sir Alexander Mackenzie or Sir Arthur Sullivan, or other gentlemen on whose coat-tails the defenders of the Board have been clinging for some months past, and in whose name the C. T. A. B. \$25 degree and the Gurlitt "Morgengruss" standard of examinations are being exploited in this country in the interests of musical "art" and our higher "artistic development." This simple act of justice to the eminent men mentioned will be appreciated by Canadian admirers of their genius. Certain it seems that neither Sir Arthur nor Sir Alexander nor "Royalty" would approve of the methods adopted by the employees of the Board were they fully aware of the spirit in which Mr. Aitken's "Imperial Federation" scheme is being pushed in Canada.

A delightful entertainment is being arranged for Monday evening next by Miss Nora Hillary, an entertainment which, because of its own interest and merit, and also because of the worthy object to which a very probable liberal surplus is to be devoted, should be most largely attended. A quartette of singers, Miss Dora L. Mc- should be greeted by a large audience.

In reply to "Music Student" I would | Murtry, soprano; Mrs. Julie Wyman of say that as yet the representatives of the Associated Board have not pubpreparation Liza Lehmann's charming work, In a Persian Garden, a composition which has created a sensation both in England and the United States, and which on this occasion will receive its first presentation in Toronto, if not in Canada. The first part of the concert will be devoted to the work mentioned, the second part consisting of a short song recital by Mrs. Wyman, and an exquisite suite for piano and violin by Schutt which will be played by the accomplished pianiste, Miss Hart, and Miss Kate Archer, violiniste. The concert is in aid of the Hospital for Sick Children, and an influential and extensive list of patrons and patronesses, headed by Sir Oliver and Miss Mowat, indicates that the event is likely to be equally important socially and musically. A book of words of In a Persian Garden has been published and may e purchased at the music stores.

> The Toronto Junction College of Music, of which Miss Via Macmillan is the ener getic and capable directress, gave a most successful concert on Thursday evening of last week in Kilburn Hall, in which the following well known artists took part: Mr. J. D. A. Tripp, solo pianist; Miss Dora L. McMurtry, soprano; Mr. Firth, baritone; Miss Archer, violinist; and Miss Burns, elocutionist. Mr. Tripp's brilliant performance of several standard compositions was a feature of the programme and won for that accomplis performer several recalls. Miss Mac-Murtry's solos and Mr. Firth's interpretation of Bohm's popular song, Caim as the Night, were also enthusiastically applauded. Miss Archer was equally successful in her violin solos, and Miss Burns' readings were not by any means the least suc cessful numbers of the evening. good work which has been accomplished by Miss Macmillan at the Junction in the interests of the higher musical develop ment of that town, is receiving the hearty ncouragement which it merits, a fact which was shown by the very large and influential audience which crowded the hall on this occasion. The winter term of the College opened on Nov. 10, with every prospect of the continued and increasing prosperity of the institution.

The Central Presbyterian church was the scene of a very interesting musical service of praise on Monday evening last, when the choir of the church, a-sisted by Miss Dora L. McMurtry, soprano, and Mr Bruce Bradley, tenor, presented an attractive programme of sacred music. singing of the efficient choir of the church. nder Mr. V. P. Hunt's able direction, showed very careful rehearsal and a due Gounod and De Koven. Mr. Hunt's organ los, Salome's Offertoire in D flat and Wagner's Lohengrin March, were excel lently played and much enjoyed by the large congregation present. talented soloists mentioned above, besides Miss Marie Wheler, Miss Theresa Wegener and Mr. J. W. Walker, added much to the success of a well arranged and smoothly carried out service. Mr. Hunt deserving of every praise for the good work of the choir under his direction, and the officials of the church are to be congratulated upon the very efficient arrange ments at present existing in the musical department of their service.

The many Toronto friends of Sig. Giuseppe Dinelli, who left this city for Orange, New Jersey, in June last, will be pleased to learn of his success in his new home. His time is divided between New York City and Orange, in both of which places he teaches. He has filled several engagements as accompanist in concerts given in the metropolis, and recently gave a very successful organ recital in the church of which he is organist at Orange. With reference to this recital a local paper says: "The new organ of the First Pres. byterian church of Orange, which has been entirely rebuilt and a choir organ added, by Jardine & Son of New York, was shown to good effect on Thursday night at a recital given by Signor Giuseppe Dinelli, organist of the church. The quartette choir of the church sang a number known baritone, also sang. Signor Dinelli showed off the capacities of the instrument to fine effect. He is a most accomplished musician, with clean technique, remarkable command of the instrument and unusual ability in registration."

The second concert of the Popular Star Course, which took place on Thursday evenng of last week in Association Hall, was in every sense a gratifying success. large audience was in attendance, and the performances of the Mozart Symphony Club of New York, who furnished the programme, gave every satisfaction to those present. This popular club is composed of Mr. Richard Stoelzer, a most versatile performer, who played on no less than a dozen different instruments; Mr. Mario Blodeck, Mr. Theo. Hoch and Mr. Otto Lund, all of whom scored pronounced successes in their respective selections. The vocalist, Miss Paula Biederman, who is the possessor of a mezzo voice of pure but rather light quality, was also cordially received. The next entertainment of the series, which will be given on December 19, will introduce Mr. Edward P. to be given by the choir of Dundas Center Elliott, a reader of wide reputation, who Methodist Church on December 13 next.

Miss Florence Brown, the gifted organist of Berkeley street Methodist church, whose brilliant performance in several organ recitals given by her last season at the Conservatory of Music attracted the attention of local music-lovers, proposes giving a series of recitals in this city during the present season, the first of which will take place in Jarvis street Baptist church on Saturday afternoon next at four o'clock. Miss Brown's programme will embrace Bach's great G minor Fugue; Boellmann's Suite Gothique; Dubois' Fiat Lux and In Paradisium; Buck's Holy Night, and several smaller numbers. The splendid organ of the church has kindly been placed at the disposal of Miss Brown for the occasion, a circumstance which will lend additional interest to the attractive programme of the afternoon Edythe Hill, gold medalist of Whitby Ladies' College, will sing two numbers during the afternoon.

The Christmas performance of Handel's Messiah, which is to be given by a chorus of three hundred voices, with eminent solo talent, all under the direction of the veteran conductor, Mr. Torrington, is being prepared for with energy, and there is every prospect of a brilliant success for those who have taken the necessary steps to revive oratorio performances in Toronto. A large and efficient orchestra has been engaged, which, with an exceptionally effective chorus and Mlle. Trebelli, the great English oratorio singer, as the principal soloist, should ensure a decidedly effective performance. It now remains for our citizens to do their duty in rallying around the standard of the old art form, which has done so much in the days gone by to elevate the musical taste and r putation of this city.

Mr. W. H. Hewlett of London, who has developed into one of the most brilliant solo organists in the country, inaugurates a series of monthly organ recitals this afternoon in the Forest City. On December 13 his church (Dundas Center Methodist) choir gives its first concert for this season, singing, among other works, Spohr's cantata, God Thou Art Great. The annual concert of the London Vocal Society, of which Mr. Hewlett is conduc tor, will take place on January 30, Jensen's Feast of Adonis (a melodious choral work which was given in Toronto by the Mendelssohn Choir in 1895) and a miscellaneous programme are in prepara

Readers of this column who have followed the discussion concerning the local examinations in Canada of the Associated Board of the R. A M. and the R. C. M., are advised to read a vigorous editorial on the subject taken from the columns of London Truth of November 10, which appears on page 7 of this issue. The truth from Truth at this juncture cannot but be of interest to all concerned in the musical welfare of this country, and particu larly to those who have had the courage to criticize and openly resent the impudent and arrogant spirit shown by the Associated Board in the inauguration of its absurd examination speculations in Can-

"Another Piano Student" writes me as follows: "I was pleased with your comments on piano teachers who steal minutes from the half-hour lessons they should give in full. I have a teacher just now who reads his newspaper every morn ing while he is giving me a lesson, and a friend of mine tells me that he suspects his teacher of going around the corner once in a while to get a schooner of beer. You can just bet your last penny that two teachers are going to be out of a job at the end of this term." This is certainly a practical solution of the minute-stealing

A prominent Ottawa musician writes me regarding the feeling of the profession in that city towards the trivial local ex aminations in music of the Associated Board of the R. A. M. and R. C. M. states, "I find a general feeling of apathy here with regard to these examinations Most of the musicians here seem to think (if they think of them at all), that these examinations will die a natural death. The whole scheme will most likely be ignored by all of our leading musicians and the enterprise seems destined, so far as Ottawa is concerned, to perish for lack of nourishment."

The always well informed Daily News states that the new "residence" regula tions will come into force at Cambridge in 1900 for the Mus. Doc., and in 1902 for the Mus. Bac.; and no one will be able to take a musical degree at Oxford, Victoria, or Cambridge, until he has kept nine terms, and in the case of the Mus Doc has graduated in some other faculty. This of course practically confines the candidates to the choral or organ scholarship holders (who must be in residence), or to men of wealth and leisure.

In a West Indian paper, which gives an account of a church festival, it is stated that "the choir, assisted by a string band, consisting of a bass drum, tambourine, accordions and a triangle, opened the ex pectations of the day." Furthermore, this orchestral accompaniment "tended greatly to improve the singing." Musket-shots also fired off in the churchyard " served to make the gathering a happy one."

The choir of West Presbyterian church, under Mr. W. J. McNally's direction, have in preparation Maunder's sacred cantata, Penitence, Pardon and Peace, for a con cert to be given early in the new year This work has, I believe, not yet been produced in this city.

As this journal goes to press one day earlier than usual this week on account of the Thanksgiving holiday, a number of notices and news items are unavoidably held over until next week.

The Sherlock Male Quartette has been engaged to sing in London at the concert to be given by the choir of Dundas Center Unfortunate Heroine.

One of the eccentricities of the English language was lately brought to the notice of a New England woman by her Swedish maid. The girl had attended a night-school for some weeks, and was much delighted with her attainments in English. She expressed her wish to try her knowledge of the language by reading a story, and her mistress recommended for her perusal one called A Modern Cinderella, in a magazine. It was short, simply worded and appeared not to present any linguistic pitfalls.

"Did you like it, Bertha?" asked the mistress when the magazine was returned

"Yas, ma'm," replied the girl, slowly, but I am sorry she had so much trouble and dose glass eyes, too. My brudder, he had one glass eye, and it was vera hard for him.' Why, I didn't remember about her

having glass eyes," said the mistress. Bertha unfolded the magazine, and pointed with a respectful finger to the follow ing undeniable proofs :

"As Polly moved about the kitchen, doing her work, her eyes suddenly fell on the letter which lay unopened in her

aunt's lap. "'Keep your eyes where they belong," said that lady sharply; and poor Polly colored with shame."

Will the reader who sent SATURDAY NIGHT a poem entitled Autumn Leaves kindly send in his address. We wish to send the Hospital Ambulance to the aid of the poet.

Amateur Poet-How's this line of my Ode to My Sweetheart, "Thy bright eyes outrival twin diamonds"? His Sister— Make it, "Thy rivals shall eye thy twin diamonds" and she is yours forever.— Jewelers' Weekly.



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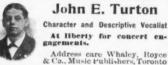
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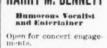
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left last Saturday for New York city, where she is to pursue her second year's vocal studies with Mr. Edward Hayes.

Mr. Harry Symons, Q.C., has been called to England on business and sails to-day by the s.s. Lucania from New York. He will probably spend Christmas with his daughters in Germany.

The Royal Italian Grand Opera Company, which is to appear at the Grand Opera House next week, commencing Globe. Monday evening, is said to be one of the finest musical organizations that has come to this country in many years. Signorina Linda Montavari and Signorina Eland have both won fame abroad. The leading tenor, Signor G. Agostini, is an artist whose singing is all music; Signor Sabatelli, the other tenor, is a singer of equal merit, so that there are no particular "nights" with the Italian Company. The repertoire for the engagement is as follows: Monday night, Il Travotore; Tues-day night, Faust; Wednesday matinee, Lucia di Lammermoor; Wednesday night, (double bill), Cavalleria Rusticana and I

Mrs. Wilmot D. Matthews gives a large tea this afternoon at her residence in St. George street, which will, with Mrs. Mortimer Clark's reception, keep society folks fully occupied between five and seven

Mr. Oscar Wenborne will sing at the Art Conference and At Home to be held this afternoon at three o'clock by the Ladies' League of School Art in Rosedale school. Hon. G. W. Ross is to take the chair, and Professor Mavor, Mr. Inspector Hughes and Mr. R. Y. Ellis are to speak.

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Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Hamill have taken up their residence at 82 Macdonell avenue, Parkdale. Mrs. Hamill receives as formerly, the first and third Mondays of the

Mademoiselie Clem Vanden Broeck, the Belgian artist, is in Canada visiting her friends, the Blackburns, in Glencoe. It is hoped she will come to Toronto soon.

Many hearty good wishes went with Mr. Pier Delasco, who left last week for Genoa for a long stay. His friends trust he may soon recover in balmy Italy.

Miss Mowat did not hold her Thursday reception this week, as Thanksgiving Day fell on that date.

Mrs. Robert Myles gives a tea next Thursday afternoon. In this home, also, a young daughter is an attraction, and a very sweet and winning girl is she, most popular with her many friends.

Mrs. R. A. Grant has given a couple of teas this week, on Tuesday for young folks, and on Wednesday to her married friends. Her popular guest and sister, Miss Hunter of Durham, assisted at both events, which were most enjoyable.

Next Thursday is Trinity's night, when the Athletic Association give their annual dance.

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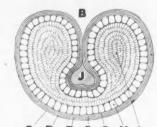
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The Christmas sale referred to in these columns last week is in full swing at Confederation Life Building, and on Wednesday the president, Miss Hoskin, and the vice-president, Mrs. Falconbridge, had a lovely five o'clock tea from half-past four to seven o'clock.

Knox College annual At Home on the tenth will, as usual, be of interest to a very large circle of friends of the college.

Miss Labatt of London is visiting Lady Meredith at her home in Lamport avenue.

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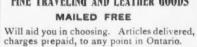
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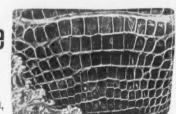
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